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WHAT IS RED BULL SOUNDCLASH?

K-OS

K-Os is a genuine neo-crossover rap n' roller As it should - his rhyme and crooning skills took root in arguably the most polyglot and multi-cultural city on the planet, Toronto. And he's quite vocal about his not belonging to any one genre - he belongs to them all. Says K-Os: *"I'm a historical opportunist who's grown up on everything from Dylan to Marley to KRS-One... I've never seen myself as just a hip hop artist".*

& DRAGONETTE

The Canadian electropop group trio have been providing fans with a new breed of pop since 2005. For an underground pop band, Dragonette have made a lot of noise. They have achieved Top 10 singles in 30 countries. They have topped the influential Hype Machine chart 5 times and as a live band they have sold out shows on 4 continents.

Welcome to Red Bull Soundclash.

Less a competition, more a creative collaboration, this once-in-a-lifetime concert will feature K-OS and Dragonette in a musical conversation. Each artist will perform through different musical challenges while on opposite stages, and all to a single audience.

**And where better to drop this sonic experiment,
then in the middle of the Stampede.**

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CELEBRATE WITH MULTICULTURAL EATS
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144. Years old

▶ Sukhdeep Minhas, left, and Jasdeep Minhas are looking forward to Canada Day in Calgary.

YASMIN JASWAL/ FOR METRO

Happy birthday, Canada!

Calgarians will have great weather to celebrate Canada's 144th birthday. For a list of Canada Day events, see page 10.

City collects cash from blue-cart cans

Council tentatively approves 19 per cent decrease in blue-cart fees for 2012 Cost likely to drop from $8.75 to $7.10: Director

The city is cashing in on millions of refundable recyclables tossed into blue carts by Calgarians.

In 2010, the city was able to collect $1.1 million from bottles, cans and milk jugs — all of which goes towards offsetting the cost of the program.

"Since we started the program, they've been very successful about separating (refundable items) from the mix," said director of waste and recycling services Dave Griffiths.

When the curbside blue-cart program was launched in 2009, Griffiths said they were expecting a certain amount of revenue from bottles and cans; however, it wasn't their intention to profit.

"We recognized we would still get some, that was Edmonton's experience … so we geared for it," he said. "We didn't set up the blue cart to go after that material."

Ald. Druh Farrell, a longtime proponent of recycling services, said the revenue being brought in from bottle collection speaks to the convenience of the program.

"I think people want to get their money's worth, so they're using the system. All in all, it's a success," she said. "That's even after the refund was increased, so there's a fair amount of value in refundable bottles, and yet people are finding it very convenient."

Griffiths explained the city introduced the blue-cart program around the same time the return rates went up for refundables and milk cartons were added to the list of items one could return for money.

While the refund revenue does help offset costs, Griffiths said he encourages Calgarians to donate their bottles to charity groups.

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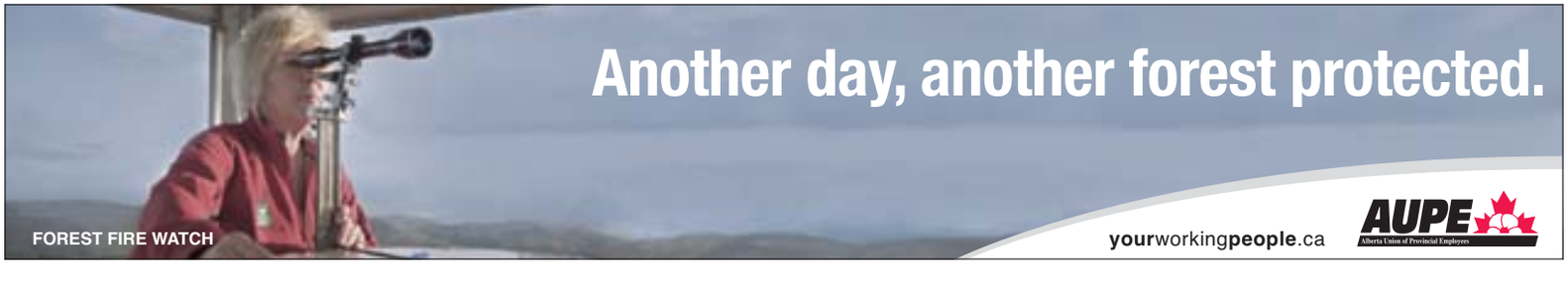
Revenue collected

- The city brings in more than $5 million per year through the sale of other recyclable materials.
- Along with $1.1 million from bottle-depot items, the total revenue collected by waste and recycling services is more than $6 million.

Reader tweets

Recyclable bottles: Blue cart or bottle depot?

- **@jesspatterson** Bottle depot. I get the $$.
- **@Schu_Les** I live downtown and put my bottles/cans in the alley for the homeless people.
- **@ChristinaGailC** take them to the bottle depot, i pay for the deposit so i want it back haha :P
- **@whole_again** Considering if you don't get money if you put your bottles in blue bin, shocked at how many do.
- **@velabronx** bottles, cans and juice boxes I return or donate to drives. The rest goes in the cart!
- **@kirkschmidt** Depends on what it is. Milk jugs and larger containers I usually put in the blue bin. Cans I return.
- **@TerminatorAnson** Bottle depot. Homeless guys kept … searching my blue bin for bottles.



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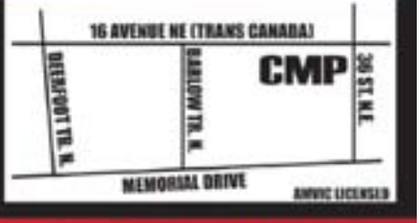

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Remembering Harley

Stephen Harper, prime minister of Canada
"Harley Hotchkiss helped transform Calgary into a thriving part of the New West.... As a result of his years of dedication and hard work, Calgary today is a better place to work, play and raise a family."

Dave Bronconnier, former Calgary mayor
"Harley Hotchkiss was an unbelievable Calgarian and Canadian. He cared about his family. He cared about his community and he was involved with every aspect of building this city."

Ken King, Flames president and CEO
"He brought dignity and intelligence and a business manner that was perfect for the time ... just the full package. He was everything to tens of thousands of people."

Gary Bettman, NHL commissioner
"Harley was a man who stood for integrity and doing the right things. He had values for family, community and our beloved Flames."

JEREMY NOLAIS AND TODD VAUGHAN

TODD VAUGHAN/FOR METRO

▶ Family of Harley Hotchkiss after his funeral service on Wednesday.

Admirers pay tribute to local legend

Thousands turn out for Harley Hotchkiss' funeral ◐ Flames co-founder remembered as skilled entrepreneur, family man ◐ Died last week at 83

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Through steadfast dedication he carried the hopes and dreams of hundreds, even thousands.

That sentiment emerged as a common theme among those who turned out on Wednesday to celebrate the life of Calgarian Harley Hotchkiss.

Among his many accomplishments, the beloved leader help bring the Flames to Calgary in 1980. Nine years later his efforts paid off, as the team skated away with the Stanley Cup.

"Harley always knew what to say and how to say it," Lanny MacDonald, captain of that storied squad, told the audience at First Alliance Church. "It was a team effort.... We were together in victory as we had been in the trenches, led by Harley and his vision to bring (a) hockey family to town."

The Hotchkiss family also paid tribute in various ways to a man they loved dearly. Most had visited with Harley on Fathers Day, just three days before he died.

On Thursday, some borrowed his infamous jokes, while others described the love he shared with wife Becky Hotchkiss as one for the ages.

"He kissed her whenever he came in and told her he loved at least twice a day for 66 years," said daughter Brenda Mackie.

"She walked with him every step of the way, lovingly holding his hand."

His legacy

- Harley Hotchkiss passed away June 22 after a decades-long bout with prostate cancer.
- Over the years, he donated millions to charity and founded the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, which presently has 500 members working on medical innovation.
- He may have been a skilled businessman, but family shared stories Thursday that indicate his skills in the kitchen and as a camper were not exactly up to par.

1 news

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'Confusing' bus stop ad sent packing

Calgary Transit has asked Southland Registries to remove a six-month-old bus stop advertisement that reads "Get off the bus."

"It just gives the opposite of what we're trying to promote, which is (to) use public transit," said Ron Collins, a spokesman for Calgary Transit.

He added that complaints from customers had come in regarding confusion over the ads.

"Normally these ads are flagged before they are put out. This one was not," Collins added.

Southland Registries' advertisement urged those waiting for a bus to book their drivers' road tests with the company.

TODD VAUGHAN

Royal couple to visit med centre

7 The Ward of the 21st Century at the Foothills Medical Centre opened seven years ago. The research centre that the Royal couple will visit at U of C was opened in 2009.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will get a glimpse into the future of health care at the University of Calgary during their three-day stay in the city.

The Ward of the 21st Century Research and Innovation Centre — a state-of-the-art living laboratory, studying the future of health care — is on the docket for the Royal couple on July 7.

"We're incredibly excited," said Carmella Duchscherer, administrative director for the centre.

"We see it as a great opportunity to really increase our profile and to share some of the work we've been doing here in the W21C."

Duchscherer could not speak to the specifics of the duke and duchess' tour but said they will be involved in "some interactive and some exciting technology demonstrations."

KATIE TURNER

New library funding long overdue: Board

KATIE TURNER/METRO

▶ If council approves community infrastructure funding, the Central Library will receive $135 million to build a new facility.

▶ Committee recommends allocating $252 million over six years ▶ Large portion will go towards rec centres and life-cycle maintenance projects

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Several community groups voiced their desire for city funding Wednesday but the big winner may be the new Central Library, which is now one step closer to being built.

All but Ald. Andre Chabot voted to push through recommendations to fund a list of projects that have remained stagnant.

Using a continuous stream of $42 million annually, which the province recently redistributed to the city from the education portion of the property tax, high-priority community infrastructure will be funded pending council's approval.

Over the next three years, the committee suggested $135 million should be allocated to the new central library project, the location of which has yet to be announced.

"There are several more steps that we need to take but this is the first move forward for many years," said Ald. Druh Farrell, a member of the library board.

Gerry Meek, CEO of the library board, said this funding has been a long time coming.

"In the words of library jargon — it's overdue," he said. "Let's get on with it and let's do it."

He said the funding strategy for the estimated $200- to $250-million project and plans for the new building will be revealed to the public when presented to council in July.

Bookish space

- The new library could become a "cultural campus" with visual arts space and a multipurpose theatre.
- Construction of the new building may begin in late 2012 or early 2013.

Breathing life into dormant projects

Ald. Shane Keating said the additional $42 million per year would allow projects that have remained dormant to finally see some funding.

"There was an absolute deficit need, and we're fulfilling that need," he said.

"The ball is moving, and that's fabulous."

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Post-game barbecue

MANLINESS. Yes, you intend to barbecue once the game is over as further proof of your manliness.

"I don't pay much attention, you know? Boys and their sports, I guess."

AUDREY KOWALD, THE OPPOSITE OF AN ALBERTA FOOTBALL FAN

Charcoal face paint

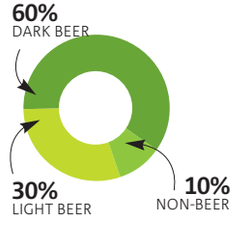
PRO. Charcoal face paint proves that you used to play the game and could have easily made the pros if you wanted to.

Halftime activity

NUTS. Assorted nuts and sunflower seeds left over from a halftime activity in which you attempted to spit them into a beer bottle.

Touchdown ritual

RINGING. Your touchdown ritual includes blasting deafening noise into your friend's ear that will leave it ringing until next weekend's game. METRO



Ex-Stamps gear up for season

- Romano and Danielsen remain dedicated fans, community advocates
- 'Every Year Counts' campaign in its 15th year

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The end of a football career doesn't necessarily mean the end of preparing for the CFL season.

Former Stamps lineman and current president of the Stamps' Alumni Association likes to stay connected to the team by connecting with the players.

"For me, I always have interest in the new season, I always have interest in the new team and I always have an itch to be in uniform on game day," he said.

He added that the relationship between current and former players can be a great way to learn and grow as players and people

Former Stamps receiver Vince Danielsen's way of staying close to the team is a very personal one.

"Louis Pasaglia visited me when I was 15 in the hospital with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. That was huge for me," he said.

That visit by the former B.C. Lions kicker inspired him to start the Every Year Counts program, which connects players to children in the oncology ward at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

"I get to watch the games with the kids, and that means a lot to me," Danielsen added.

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Don't forget to buy your CFL tickets

If you're looking to get some tickets online, look no further than these websites.

Stubhub.com : A place for fans to buy and sell tickets. Buyers can search specific games and the website is easy to navigate. Prices are clearly listed.

Showtimetickets.com: Sports, concert and special-events tickets are bought and sold on this online tickets site. Cheap tickets for mostly anything in North America can be found here.

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Ticketsreview.com: Low-priced tickets to just about every sporting event in North America. There are plenty of CFL seats and a guarantee of a safe online marketplace. METRO

Recipe

Smith's smokin' hot honey garlic wings

SPICY KICK. This wing recipe, courtesy of Metro senior account manager and chef extraordinaire Warren Smith, will add a little kick to your football viewing.

Ingredients:
Chicken wings
Olive oil
Hot sauce
1 Tbsp. chili pepper flakes
1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 Tsp. salt
1 Tsp. pepper
1 Tsp. garlic salt
2 Tsps. minced horseradish
¼ cup soy
¼ cup honey
4-6 cloves of garlic

Instructions:

1. Make the spice mix for the wings. Take a half-cup of hot sauce (Smitty uses Frank's Red Hot), add ¼ cup of soy, ¼ cup honey, cloves of garlic and two Tsps. minced horseradish. Stir mixture well. Add habanero sauce if you like it hot

2. Get cooking. Fire up the grill and run on high for 15 minutes, then move to low. Grill until chicken falls clean from bone (approximately 20 minutes).

3. Serve with some napkins and beverages to quell the heat. METRO

Making a watermelon helmet

This one is for all you Rider Nation followers out there Fruit has never looked so fashionable

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Required items:
Fresh watermelon that is bigger than your head
Sharp knife
Strong spoon or ice cream scoop
Black marker
A whole roll of paper towels

Instructions:

1. Using the marker, trace a large rectangle on one side of the watermelon.

2. Slowly and carefully cut out the rectangle. Remove the piece and scarf it down.

3. Begin the tedious process of scooping out all of the red flesh inside the watermelon. Be careful not to remove the white exterior portions, lest the helmet lose its structure. Routinely dump out the excess flesh and juices.

4. Dry out the inside of the watermelon with paper towel.

5. Test the watermelon on your head. Chances are it will be too small.

6. If it needs to be enlarged, mark another spot on the watermelon and carefully cut away a bit more.

7. Repeat this process until the helmet fits snugly on your melon.

8. Crack a Pilsner and get ready for kickoff!

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▶ Creating your own watermelon helmet only takes a few simple steps.

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News in brief

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▶ NeighbourLink's LeeAnne Alexander and Nikki Golnik.

Helping kids sleep tight

GREAT CAUSE. More than 100 Calgary-area children can sleep better at night thanks to NeighbourLink and Mattress Mattress, which are donating 106 twin-size mattresses to families in need.

NeighbourLink, founded in 1993, paired with Mattress Mattress after members of the organization saw an ad for the "Matts 4 Kids" program, in which mattresses are donated to charities.

NeighbourLink accepts donations of new and gently used household items and is currently in need of box springs for the new mattresses.

They are also looking for volunteers to help transport the mattresses.

And, of course, they are always looking for donations. Go to neighbourlinkcalgary.ca.

YASMIN JASWAL

Deficit lower than estimated

GOOD NEWS. Alberta has posted a $3.4-billion deficit for the 2010-11 fiscal year — $1.3 billion lower than estimated. Finance Minister Lloyd Snelgrove said that's due to the global economic recovery, demand for oil and careful spending by the province. He said it's also a sign of confidence in the Alberta economy, which grew by an estimated 3.8 per cent in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The incredible shrinking card

Biodegradable credit card is first of its kind in Canada Breaks down within four years of expiry

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▶ Bridgewater Bank's Peter O'Neill shows off three models of his company's biodegradable credit card.

Credit cards being offered by a Calgary bank may not help you rein in those pesky spending habits but they will create savings on landfill space.

The Canadian Automobile Association Mastercard, offered by Bridgewater Bank in conjunction with CPI Card Group, promises to be 99 per cent biodegraded within four years of expiration. All that will remain is the built-in security chip and hologram, said chief operating officer Peter O'Neill.

"When I was describing this, I remember one individual saying to me, 'Can I get that biodegradable card for my wife?'" he joked. "It's a great card that also happens to be environmentally great."

Stephanie Hackman, founder and president of Respect for the Earth and All People, welcomed news of the innovation.

She said the plastic used in most credit cards not only contributes to landfill buildup, it also leaches toxic chemicals into the soil and groundwater.

"If we can have alternatives that use more natural materials and don't do environmental harm after their natural life, then that's definitely the way to go," she said.

To their credit

- **More than 27,000** Canadians have signed on for Bridgewater's biodegradable credit card.
- **The design recently won** an innovation award from Advanced Card Technologies, an international association.
- **Bridgewater Bank** operates primarily as a virtual bank, using electronic statements and third-party distributors.
- **For more information on** the credit card, go to bridgewaterbank.ca.

Public Notice

CTrain Service Disruption
Route 1, 7, 9, and 305 DETOUR

Due to maintenance work occurring this weekend (July 1, 2, 3) along 7 Avenue SW and at the Bridgeland and Zoo CTrain Stations, CTrain Service will not be available through the downtown core, and will only operate between Barlow Max/Bell and McKnight/Westwinds Stations in the Northeast. Shuttle Bus B202 will replace Route 202 CTrain service between Barlow/Max Bell Station and 10 Street West station via Memorial Drive, 6 Avenue westbound and 9 Avenue eastbound.

Route 201 CTrain from the northwest will travel as far as 8 Street Station SW from Crowfoot Station. From the south, Route 201 CTrain will travel from Somerset/Bridlewood to Stampede Station only. Shuttle bus B201 will offer service between 8 Street Station and Stampede Station via Macleod Trail, 6 Avenue westbound and 9 Avenue eastbound.

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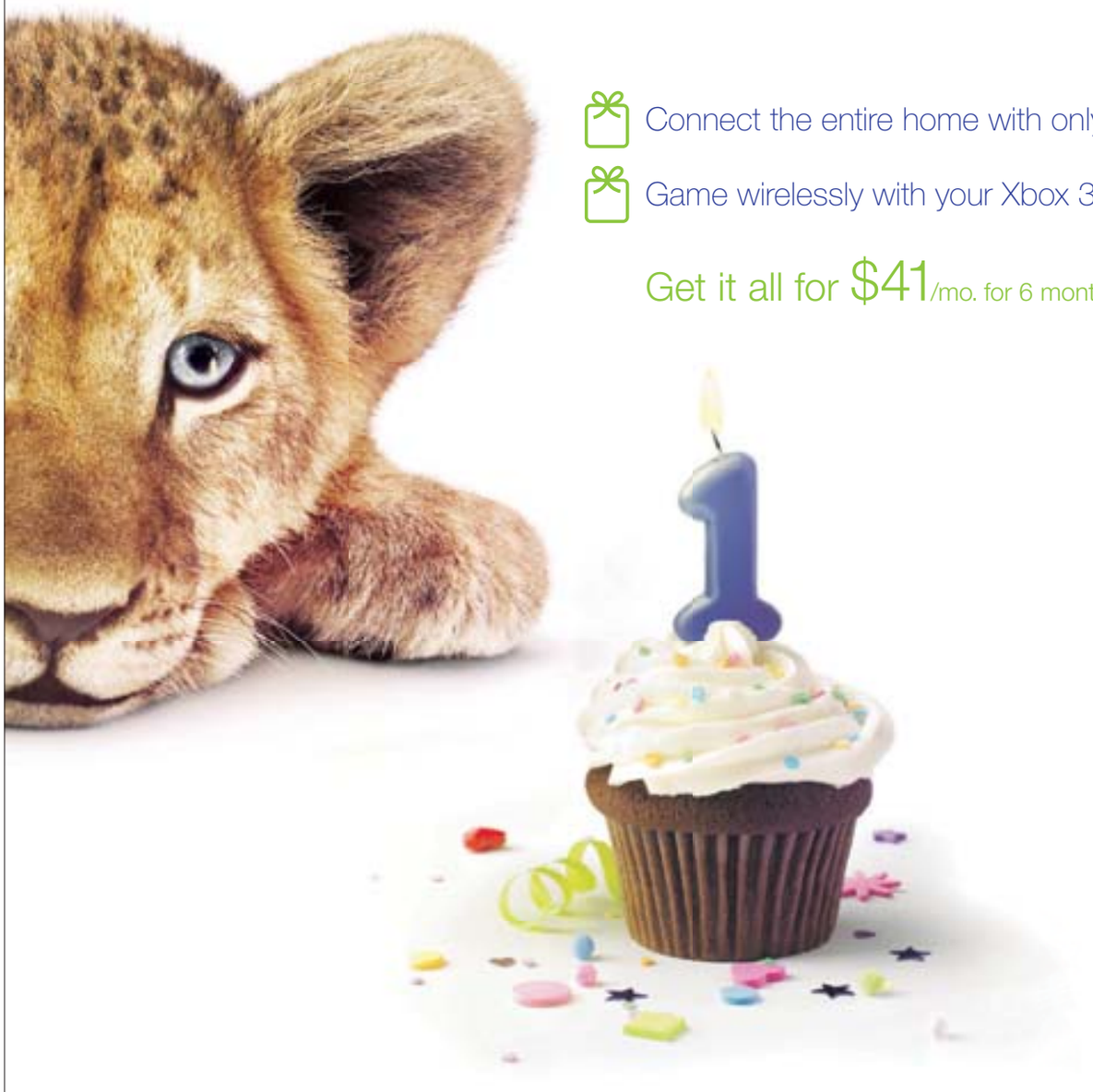

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Valuing Canadian citizenship

Canadians will celebrate Canada's 144th birthday on Friday ◐ Canada Day festivities are being held all over the city for everyone to enjoy ◐ One family marks the significance of being Canadian this year

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For some, Canada Day is just another holiday. But for others, like Alex Zmushka, a Canadian citizen as of June 14, it has a little more significance.

Zmushka, along with his wife and children, arrived in Canada from Belarus in 2007.

This year, Zmushka and his family don't have plans that differ from previous Canada Day celebrations.

Going to downtown and spending some time with family and close friends is what he has in store.

The celebrations may be the same, but they will feel different.

"Every year it's amazing," said Zmushka. "This year it's going to be a little bit more special for us."

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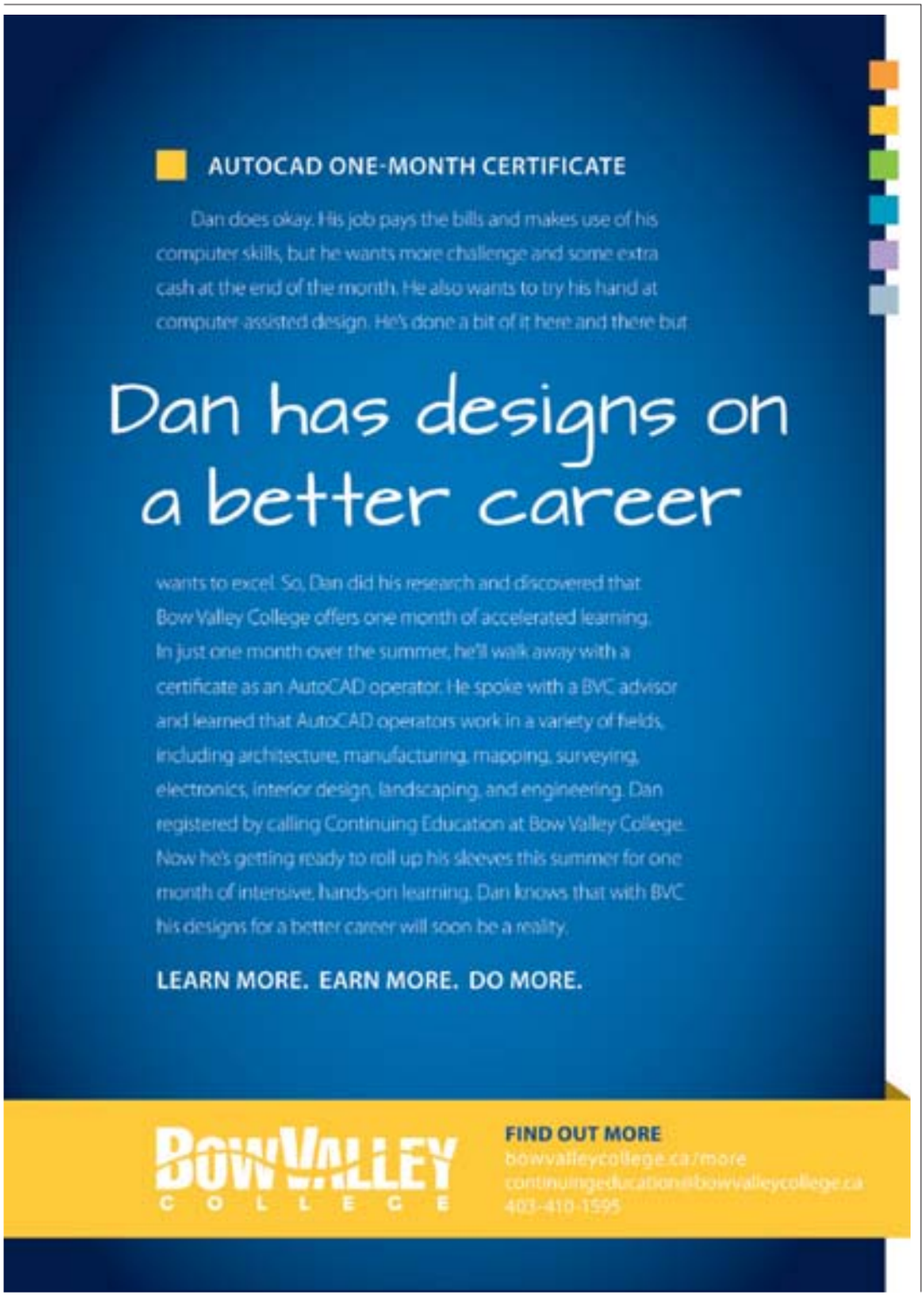
▶ The Zmushka family from Belarus: Alex, left, wife Alena, centre, daughter Palina, 8, and son Anton, 15, became Canadian citizens in June. Nine-month-old Alina was born in Canada.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Canada Day events

Calgary and the surrounding area have plenty for the family to do to celebrate the country's 144th birthday. There's something for everyone, and we've got a list of a few of those things to attend this Friday.

1. The City of Calgary is starting its celebrations at noon in Prince's Island Park. The event is free and will have activities for people of all ages.

2. Olympic Plaza will be the place for the city's free celebrations after 6 p.m. A fireworks display will start at 10:45 p.m.

3. Fort Calgary will be celebrating from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Outdoor admission is free, and indoor admission is 50 per cent off.

4. Heritage Park will be taking visitors back in time from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Regular admission to the park is required.

5. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will start celebrating at 11 a.m. in Prairie Winds Park. There is no admission fee, and a free barbecue will be provided.

6. Local artists will be showcasing their work at the East Village Fair on 8 Avenue between 5 Street and 6 Street Southeast. The festival starts at 9 a.m.

7. The Calgary Stampeders will be kicking off their season by taking on the Toronto Argonauts. The game starts at 7 p.m. at McMahon Stadium.

8. Bar U Ranch will be celebrating from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Single admission is under $10, and family admission is under $20.

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Gay marriage demanded in Jersey

Activists say existing civil union law inhibits their rights, lawsuit only way to solve inequities

Seven gay couples and many of their children filed a lawsuit Wednesday to demand New Jersey recognize gay marriage, saying it's the only way to solve inequities created by the state's four-year-old civil union law.

It comes days after neighbouring state New York became the sixth U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage.

New Jersey lawmakers created that law to try to fulfil a 2006 state Supreme Court order that committed gay couples be given the same legal protections and benefits as married couples. The couples say that in places like insurance offices and hospital emergency rooms the civil union doesn't cut it.

One plaintiff John Grant was struck by a car in New York City. His civil union partner, Danny Weiss, says he wasn't entitled to make medical decisions for Grant. Grant's sister was summoned to the hospital instead. "Nobody should have to endure the indignity that we did," Weiss said.

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Legal battle

- The lawsuit was filed in a state court by the national gay-rights law firm Lambda Legal and the New Jersey gay-rights group Garden State Equality.
- It came less than a week after New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a law allowing gay marriage in his neighbouring state.

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▶ Danny Weiss, left, and John Grant of Asbury Park, N.J., kiss during a news conference on a same-sex marriage lawsuit filed in Trenton, N.J., Wednesday.

Teen faces murder charges in cop's death

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of a York Regional police officer.

Police allege the boy was driving the minivan that dragged Const. Garrett Styles to his death after he pulled the vehicle over early Tuesday morning on a rural highway north of Toronto.

The youth — who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act — is at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children with serious injuries. He is scheduled to appear in a Newmarket court July 7.

Police say three other youths in the van were not seriously injured and are co-operating with the investigation.

Styles, 32, was a married father of a two-year-old daughter and nine-week-old son. His funeral is scheduled for Tuesday in Newmarket but tributes have already been pouring in. Community members have placed flowers, cards and teddy bears at the detachment where Styles was based, while some signed a book of condolences.

Styles' conversation with a police dispatcher after he was injured was published and broadcast by the media. Some people have called the words heartbreaking while others say the exchange should have never been made public.

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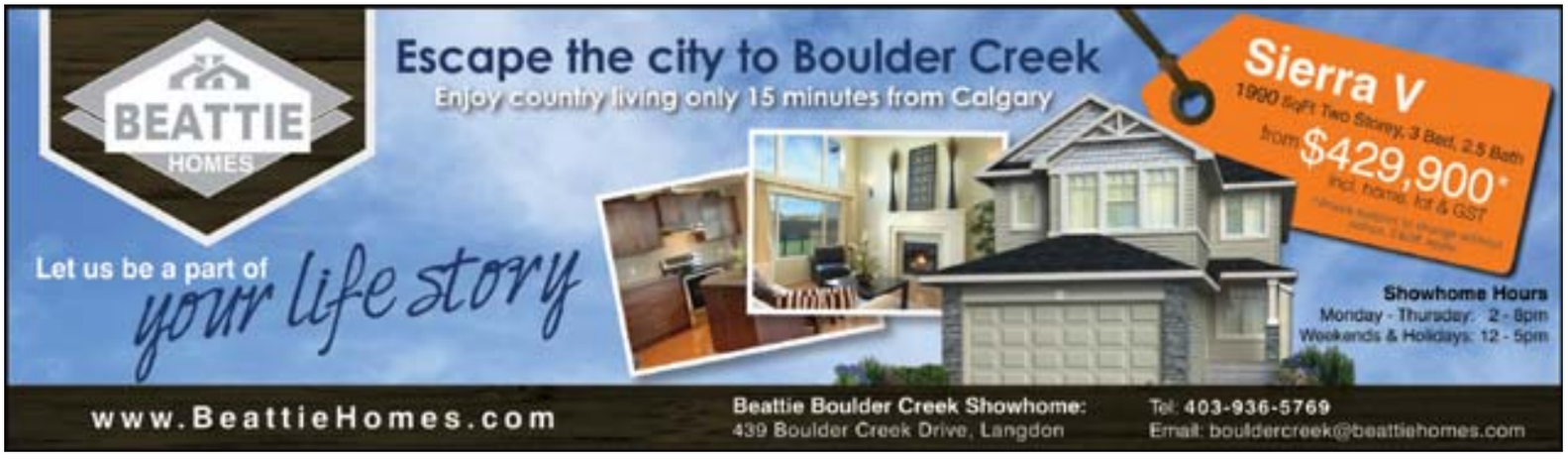
▶ York Regional police Chief Eric Jolliffe addresses a news conference about the death of Const. Garrett Styles, shown in a photo beside him, in Newmarket, Ont., Tuesday.

Life cut short

- Const. Garrett Styles joined the police force seven years ago and was on his way to becoming a staff sergeant.
- Styles' father, Gary, recently retired from the York Regional police. His wife, Melissa, is a civilian employee with the force.
- Styles would have turned 33 years old on Sunday.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▶ Smoke from the fire turns the sun red as it sets over the Jemez Mountains behind Los Alamos, N.M.

Fire stirs fears of nuclear crisis in New Mexico

- Small city of Los Alamos, N.M., evacuated
- U.S. sends high-tech plane to check on radiation

The U.S. government sent a plane equipped with radiation monitors over the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory Wednesday as a 285-square-kilometre wildfire burned at its doorstep, putting thousands of scientific experiments on hold.

The plane, which can take digital photographs and video as well as thermal and night images, was sent to New York City to take air samples after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

It has flown over wildfires and areas damaged by hurricane Katrina.

In a testament to the sophisticated research done at Los Alamos, the plane was developed with technology from the lab, the desert installation that built the Second World War atomic bomb.

Lab officials expressed confidence the Los Alamos blaze would not scatter radioactive material, as some residents feared.

"If it gets to this contamination it's over — not just for Los Alamos but for Santa Fe and all of us in between"
MAI TING, WHO LIVES CLOSE TO LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

"Our facilities, our nuclear materials are all safe," said lab director Charles McMillan.

Los Alamos, a city of 11,000 in New Mexico, sits empty after its residents were moved to safety.

The streets of Los Alamos were deserted, with the exception of emergency vehicles and National Guard Humvees.

Homeowners who had left were prepared: Cars were left in the middle of parking lots, away from anything flammable.

The lab, which employs about 15,000 people, covers more than 93 square kilometres and includes about 2,000 buildings. They include research facilities, as well as waste-disposal sites.

Residents have expressed concern about the potential of a radioactive smoke plume if the flames reach thousands of barrels of waste stored in above-ground tents at the lab.

"I know people are concerned about what's in the smoke," said Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico.

The wildfire is stirring memories of a May 2000 blaze that destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ A crew member aboard the International Space Station took this photo of the Los Alamos fire from an altitude of about 378 kilometres.

Area G is key

- Lab director Charles McMillan said the barrels contain low-grade waste (gloves, toolboxes, tools) and other items that may have been contaminated.
- An anti-nuclear group had estimated there could be up to 30,000 55-gallon drums stored at a site known as Area G, but lab spokesperson Heather Clark said Wednesday there are 10,000 drums stored there under fire-retardant tents.
- Los Alamos County Fire Chief Doug Tucker, whose department is responsible for protecting the lab, said the barrels are stacked about three high inside the tents.
- Area G holds drums of cleanup from Cold War-era waste that the lab sends away for storage in weekly shipments, according to lab officials.
- The Los Alamos lab is famous for being the location where scientists developed the first atomic bomb during the Second World War.

NO TOXINS RELEASED YET, LAB STAFF SAY

Top lab officials and fire managers say there have been no releases of toxins.

They say they're confident the flames won't reach key buildings or areas where radioactive waste is stored.

As a last resort, they say, foam could be sprayed on barrels containing items that might have been contaminated through contact with radioactive materials.

The site's manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration said he evaluated the precautions and felt comfortable.

"I have 170 people who validate their measures," Kevin Smith said. "They're in steel drums, on a concrete floor."

The fire has already sparked a spot fire at the lab. The fire was quickly contained, and no contamination was released.

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Turtles bring air travel to a crawl

Several pilots tried to contain chuckles while reporting hundreds of turtles blocking NYC runway

About 150 turtles crawled onto the tarmac at New York's Kennedy airport Wednesday in search of beaches to lay their eggs, delaying dozens of flights, aviation authorities said.

The slow-motion stampede began about 6:45 a.m., and within three hours there were so many turtles on Runway 4L that controllers were forced to move departing flights to another runway.

"We ceded to Mother Nature," said Ron Marsico, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Workers from the Port Authority and the U.S. Department of Agriculture were scooping up turtles and moving them across the airport, he said. Flight delays averaged about 30 minutes, the FAA said.

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▶ Captured turtles are photographed at Kennedy airport in New York.

The migration of diamondback terrapin turtles happens every year at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which is built on the edge of Jamaica Bay and a federally protected park. In late June or early July the animals heave themselves out of the bay toward a beach to lay their eggs.

Several pilots began reporting turtle sightings as morning rush hour was beginning.

"Be advised 30 feet into the takeoff roll, left side of the centre line, there's another turtle," called the pilot of American Airlines Flight 1009. A Boeing 767 that had just taken off bound for the Dominican Republic. "There's another one on the runway?" asked the controller.

"Uh, well, he was there," the pilot said as the big airliner climbed into the air. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hanged man pardoned 150 years after trial

Gov. Lincoln Chafee yesterday pardoned the last man executed in Rhode Island, an Irish immigrant who was hanged more than 150 years ago following what is believed to be a trial tainted by widespread bigotry against Irish Catholics.

John Gordon was convicted of killing Amasa Sprague, a wealthy mill owner and the brother of a U.S. senator. Gordon was hanged in 1845 at the age of 29. But law professors and historians now say the evidence against him was circumstantial.

Chafee signed the proclamation pardoning Gordon at the Old State House in Providence, where Gordon's trial took place. The governor called Gordon's trial and execution a "dark spot" in Rhode Island history and said the pardon was long overdue.

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Heat. Blast

▶ A young woman leads a dog on her bicycle on a hot day in Mauer park yesterday in Berlin.

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Canadian flees Kabul firefight

Businessman 'safe and unharmed' after suicide attackers storm hotel U.S. helicopters fire missiles

A Canadian businessman was safe Wednesday after being caught up in a deadly attack on a Kabul hotel.

Spokesperson Emma Welford from the Canadian Embassy in Afghanistan said the man was a guest at the Intercontinental when it was attacked by eight Taliban fighters.

Welford would not reveal how the man got out of the besieged hotel, but said he has been taken to an undisclosed location.

"He's safe and unharmed," she said.

The man's identity was not released, but Welford said he was not part of the Canadian military or diplomatic mission and has no ties to the development and aid community.

Kabul's jewel

- The hotel, which is frequented by foreigners and dignitaries, has long been considered one of the most secure sites in the capital.
- Guests and visitors must pass through a roadblock and guards posted at the bottom of a hill that winds up to the building.
- Then there's another checkpoint along the road before you reach the hotel, where more security guards are set up with metal detectors.

The attack late Tuesday was one the most complex launched by insurgents to date and lasted five hours and ended with 19 people dead, including the attackers.

Afghan security forces cleared the hotel, but the running battle ended when U.S. attack helicopters fired missiles at the five-storey building.

Security official Latifullah Mashal said eight suicide attackers were involved.

All had either blown themselves up or been killed.

The 11 civilians killed included a judge.

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Athens. Austerity vote

A barricade burns during a demonstration in front of parliament in Athens on Wednesday.

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New cuts, new riots

Greece approved more austerity measures in a vote Wednesday that calmed world markets but triggered a second day of riots that left dozens injured and left the streets of the capital, Athens, blanketed with tear gas. Stun grenades echoed outside parliament.

Mom who lost son sees 157th body return

The mother of a soldier killed two years ago quietly pressed her face to the fence of an airbase Wednesday as the remains of the latest casualty of the Afghan mission arrived back on Canadian soil.

Clutching a "support-the-troops" poster, Kathy Bulger was among hundreds who gathered at CFB Trenton to pay their respects to Master Cpl. Francis Roy, the 157th Canadian to die on Canada's combat mission.

Fellow soldiers found Roy, 32, mortally wounded early Saturday at a forward operating base in Kandahar city.

Investigators, who ruled out enemy action, were treating Roy's death as a suicide. An autopsy has yet to be performed.

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Man has 'learned his lesson'

HIV-infected convicted murderer promises to disclose condition and use condoms with future partners

A man believed to be the first person in Canada convicted of murder through HIV transmission has changed his ways and is no longer a threat to the public, his lawyers argued Wednesday.

"He doesn't want to infect anyone else. He has learned his lesson," said Munyonzwe Hamalengwa, the lawyer for Johnson Aziga.

His client has learned a lot about HIV and AIDS after eight years in jail, Hamalengwa added during a hearing to decide if Aziga should be classified a dangerous offender. Aziga wants to help teach others, Hamalengwa added.

The Crown is seeking the dangerous offender designation that could see Aziga jailed indefinitely, and has argued he has an abnormally high libido that could lead him to reoffend. But Hamalengwa said that the designation applies to violent criminals driven by "uncontrollable hormone rage."

Aziga, a 54-year-old Ugandan immigrant and father of three, was convicted in 2009 of two counts of first-degree murder, 10 counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault. His convictions are related to 11 women with whom he had unprotected sex without telling them he had HIV. Seven of the women became infected, with two dying of AIDS-related cancers.

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On. Guard

▶ A PETA protester embodies her message.

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Fur not fit for a Queen

A PETA member protested the use of bear fur by dressing up as one of the Queen's Guards during the Changing of the Guard ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.

Postal union set to launch legal action

The union representing Canada Post employees will mount a legal challenge against legislation forcing them back to work.

The bill was adopted last weekend following a 58-hour filibuster by the NDP.

Alain Duguay, head of CUPW's Montreal local, told The Canadian Press the union will seek legal recourse in an effort to overturn the legislation.

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Man sentenced in death of officer

A Toronto man has been sentenced to 12 years in jail for killing a police officer. Nadeem Jiwa, 23, was convicted of manslaughter last year in the August 2007 death of York Regional Police Det. Const. Robert Plunkett. The 42-year-old father of three died when a stolen car pinned him against a tree in Markham, north of Toronto. With time already served, Jiwa will spend four years and two months in prison. Jiwa is also banned from driving for 10 years.

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Bible Studies

▶ An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man is seen writing in a Torah scroll before it is taken to the Hurva synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City in this file photo. Software developed by a team of scholars is giving hints about the multiple hands researchers believe wrote the Bible.

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High-tech holy book

The creation of new software analyzes style and word choices to distinguish parts of a single text written by different authors. When applied to the Bible, its algorithm teased out distinct writerly voices in the holy book. The program has a range of potential applications — from helping law enforcement to developing new computer programs for writers.

Government nuclear firm goes private

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. sold for $15 million ◐ Ottawa keeping intellectual-property rights ◐ Government to get future royalties

The federal government has sold nuclear company Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. to Montreal-based engineering giant SNC-Lavalin Group.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver announced the sale late yesterday.

The sale ended at least two years of attempts by Ottawa to privatize AECL.

The sale price was $15 million. Meanwhile, SNC-Lavalin is creating a new division called CANDU Energy that will house AECL's three former business lines.

SNC-Lavalin was the sole bidder to meet Ottawa's conditions for buying the financially troubled Crown corporation.

AECL has long been a headache for successive federal governments and has cost Canadian taxpayers billions of dollars in subsidies, including about $1 billion in the last two years alone.

The company has also faced major cost overruns at key projects in recent years while struggling to find a buyer.

In May 2009, the Conservatives announced plans to spin off AECL's commercial reactor business from its research division. The announcement coincided with what turned into a lengthy shutdown of the company's research reactor at Chalk River, Ont., which caused a worldwide shortage of the medical isotopes used to detect cancer and heart ailments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nuclear reaction

- The AECL sale could have effects on two Canadian provinces, which face questions about how the sale will affect their own nuclear power industries.
- The company has bid for the two new reactors Ontario wants to build.
- The province won't make a decision until AECL's future is certain.
- Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan told reporters Tuesday that he doesn't expect to sign any deals before the Oct. 6 provincial election.

Inflation rates soar to 3.7%

Canada's annual inflation rate jumped to the highest level in eight years last month.

It rose to 3.7 per cent as big increases in gasoline pushed the index to a new post-recession peak.

On a month-to-month basis, consumer prices rose by a significant 0.7 per cent in May from where they were in April, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

The magnitude increase was unexpected. Economists predicted it would stay at 3.3 per cent for the third straight month.

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Kodak taking on Apple, RIM

Innovation turned Eastman Kodak Co. into one of the world's most recognizable brands. Imitation by its rivals might help keep the picture-taking pioneer from fading into history.

The 131-year-old company, which popularized photography beginning with the Brownie box camera in 1900, is looking for a lucrative patent-infringement triumph this week over iPhone behemoth Apple Inc. and BlackBerry maker Research in Motion.

Mining its rich array of inventions has become indispensable in Kodak's push to reverse four years of losses and return to profitability in 2012.

Kodak's patents give the company exclusive rights to sell or license its inventions. Since 2008, Kodak has generated almost $2 billion in licensing fees and royalties from intellectual-property battles. The company's dispute with Apple and RIM centres on technology Kodak patented in 2001 for extracting a still image while previewing it in the camera's LCD screen.

Chief executive Antonio Perez estimates Kodak could get up to $1 billion from the two companies over the life of the patent if it gets a favourable ruling.

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Kodak has amassed 11,000 patents over the decades. The company invented the world's first digital camera in 1975.

▶ Construction crews prepare for the Royal Tour and Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.

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Young chefs help set table fit for a prince

Meal for William and Kate will be served at reception on the terrace of Rideau Hall 100 Canadian youth will get to mingle with newlyweds

Many 16-year-old boys take the set-it-and-forget-it approach to cooking: Throw something in a microwave, heat and eat.

But Kyle Nicklas is working by hand to help make a meal he won't soon forget: The feast that Prince William and Kate will enjoy on their arrival at Rideau Hall Thursday.

A high school student from Tavistock, Ont., he's one of 19 aspiring chefs brought to the Governor General's home to prepare the meal for the royal reception. "It is an honour, because I'm only 16 and this is probably going to be the biggest meal of my life, even in my whole career," he said while scrubbing oysters.

"That's what's really important: Bringing people's backyards together to this backyard so that we could share together in one great big picnic."
EXECUTIVE CHEF LOUIS CHAREST ON HIS CANADA-WIDE MENU

Over at the pastry station, Arielle Schwab from Vancouver cut circles of dough to make dozens of tiny phyllo cones. She's part of Culinary Canada's Juniors team preparing for the World Culinary Olympics in 2012.

The 21-year-old said she's ecstatic to be baking for the royals, but is a little nervous. "I want it be completely perfect," she said. "They are just regular people obviously but with a little bit more hype."

The young chefs aren't slicing and dicing on their own, but work under the guidance of the seasoned pros in the Governor General's kitchen. Their presence is part of the overall theme of the first day of the tour: Connecting young Canadians with the young royals.

Executive chef Louis Charest said he did a lot of research when it came to preparing the menu.

"We want to make sure we represent the whole country as much as possible," Charest said.

Charest wouldn't divulge any of his recipes, but gave a rundown of some of the ingredients: Sea urchin harvested by a scuba diver from the North; spotted prawns plucked off the Queen Charlotte Islands; yak from Alberta; fruit wines from Saskatchewan; and cheese from P.E.I.

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Twitter co-founder leaving

Isaac (Biz) Stone is moving on from Twitter, just five years after co-founding the microblogging site.

Stone, 37, said on his blog that he will work with the company "for many years to come," but that the most effective use of his time now is to "get out of the way" of Twitter's crew and leadership team until he's called upon to be of some specific use.

Stone says he plans to focus on helping schools, non-profits and company advisory boards. He's also relaunching Obvious Corp. with fellow Twitter co-founder Evan Williams to develop new projects.

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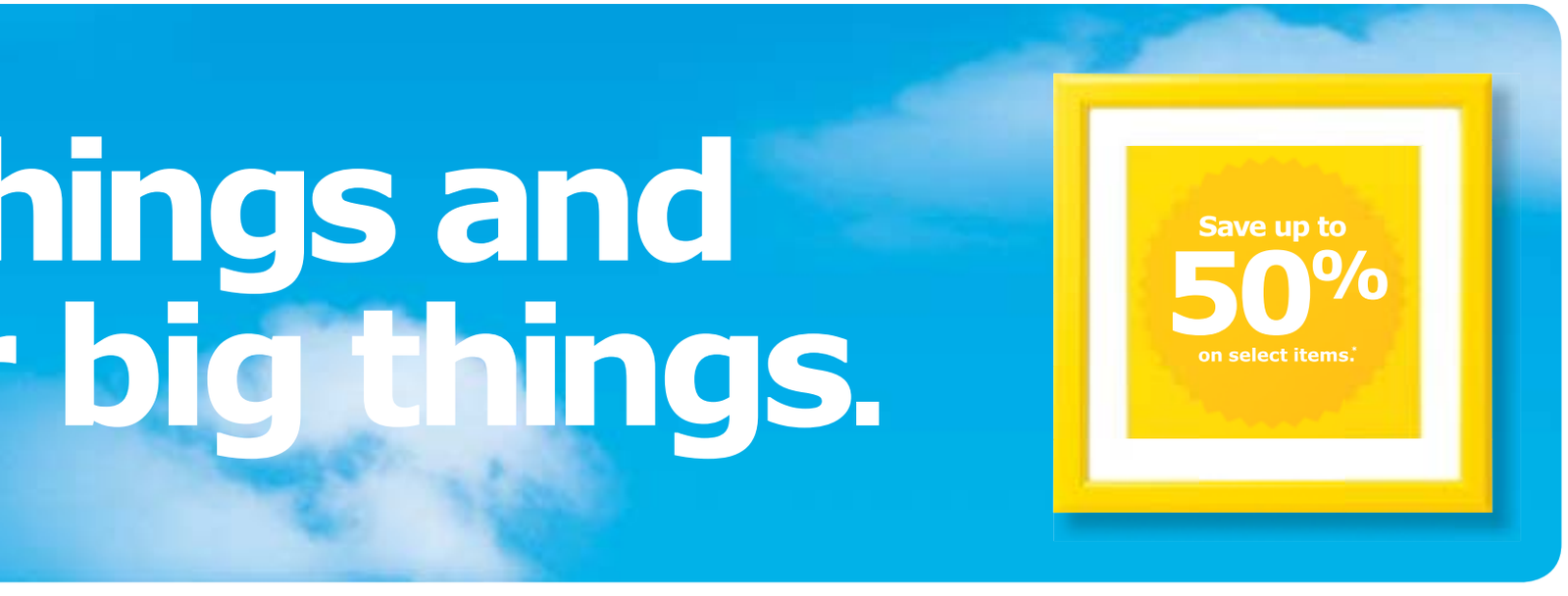

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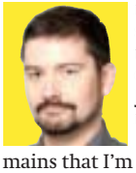

As I think about my swimming technique this summer, one skill keeps coming to mind: I should really learn to float.

I have mastered the fundamentals known as the three S's: Standing, squatting and swearing about the water's temperature. And, sometimes, emboldened by back-to-back episodes of Jackass, I let the water come up to my neck.

But despite my derring-do, the fact remains that I'm about as buoyant as a cockpit voice recorder. To me, the butterfly is an animal, the freestyle is rap music and the breaststroke is something you do if you really love your KFC.

The only pool that I have been in recently involved guessing when Will and Kate will get divorced.

My inability to swim is especially embarrassing because I grew up in New Brunswick. "Weren't you born on the water?" people say, frowning at me as if I were a Newfoundlander who just said he doesn't care for whisky.

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These people assume I can't swim because I'm scared, but that's not true.

I'm tentative near open waters, but that's because the Atlantic hovers around three degrees Kelvin. It does to your body what your Grade 7 teacher used to do to hotdogs when he took out liquid nitrogen to illustrate the scientific principle of "Breaking stuff into little pieces is cool."

And the water inside was no better: All I learned on school swimming trips was that chlorine is Mother Nature's way of stabbing you in the eyes. (If the Taliban ever harnesses the power of chlorine, every North American will be wandering around with their face squeezed tight and their arms outstretched asking for a towel.)

We did take swimming lessons on school trips, but they generally involved clinging to a flutter board as though we had just departed the Titanic. When the chlorine dissolved the board, the lesson was over.

I could get sulky about this and blame my childhood, but instead I have decided to embrace it: I want to return to my roots and get a flutter board because that's the closest I have been to swimming.

It might seem childish but, heck, they give out beer in sippy cups at hockey games, and those motorcycles with extra wheels seem popular now. Give my board an iPhone colour scheme and an impressive name and I will be fine with it. My Jet-Black Thoroughbred Freedom Board will be the talk of the pool.

And if anyone mocks me, I'm blaming the tears on chlorine.

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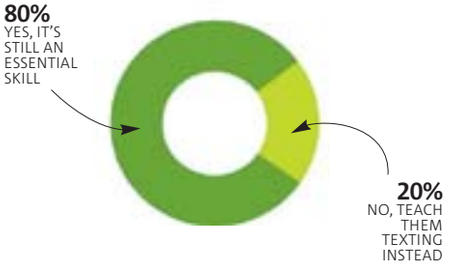

Local tweets

- **@shosized:** Coffice was too loud moved to my car ... so far have seen guy smoking crack, sparrows having sex?! and many bad parking jobs. #innercity #yyc
- **@Dewy_Decimo:** #YYC is hot as a mofo damn!
- **@thearashow:** Gas prices dropping in #yyc before the long weekend? I'll believe it when I see it #showmethemoney
- **@hamerco:** In 2 days I'll be back home for the World Famous Calgary #SCAMpede. The Greatest Outdoor Ho on Earth! #Yeehaw #YYC
- **@Muzikfnatik:** I hate that it seems the only way to catch a bus in #yyc is to be at a stop 10 minutes early. Get it together Calgary Transit.
- **@scbritton:** It seems our municipal politicians think taxpayers' pockets are a bottomless well of revenue. Disappointing. @nenshi #yyc #yyccc
- **@PANCAKESo:** This is my appreciation for, not objectification of, the wonderful ladies in DT #yyc this morning. You look fabulous.

Worth mentioning

LOS ANGELES. A team of European astronomers, glimpsing back in time to when the universe was just a youngster, says it has detected the most distant and earliest quasar yet.

Light from this brilliant, starlike object took nearly 13 billion years to reach Earth, meaning the quasar existed when the universe was only 770 million years old — a child by cosmic standards. The discovery ranks as the brightest object ever found.

To scientists' surprise, the black hole powering this quasar was two billion times more massive than the sun. How it grew so bulky so early in the universe's history is a mystery. Black holes are known to feed on stars, gas and other matter, but their growth was always thought to be slow.

The discovery was reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. Since quasars are so luminous, they guide astronomers studying the conditions of the cosmos following the Big Bang, the explosion believed to have created the universe 13.7 billion years ago.

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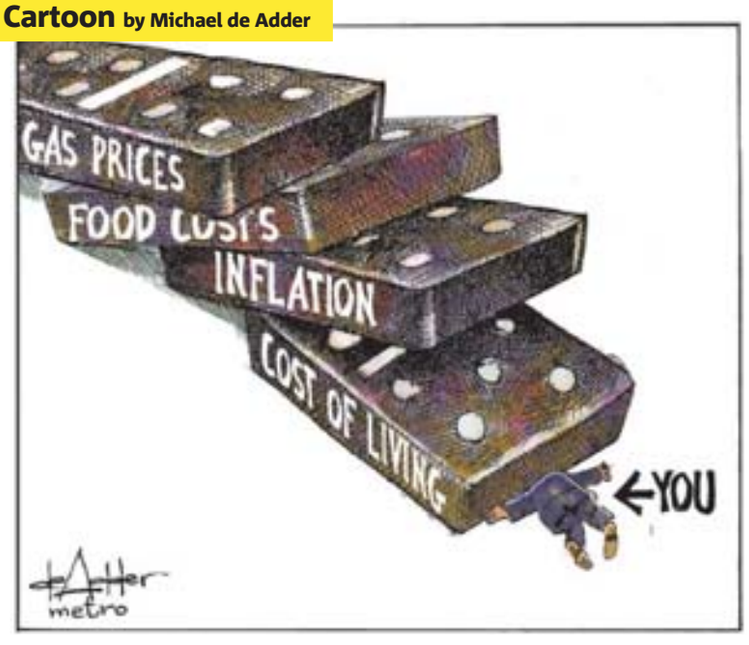

WEIRD NEWS

Debuting next season — CSI: Dog poop

A Florida condominium association hopes dog DNA samples will help it determine which pet owners aren't picking up after their pooches.

The Village of Abacoa Condominium Association says cleaning up after dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs costs $10,000 to $12,000 US per year.

Starting Aug. 1, residents in the Jupiter, Fla., community must each pay a $200 fee to keep the dogs' genetic information on file at the DNA Pet World Registry. Dog droppings found in common areas will be collected and mailed to the Tennessee-based company for comparison.

The association's property manager says any owner whose dog matches the poop sample will be fined up to $1,000, or a lien could be placed on their homes. A dog that is a persistent problem could be confiscated.

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Plot synopsis

- Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks, who also directs), the man not the movie, is the kind of guy proud to wear his My Name Is tag. That is, until the day U Mart downsizes him. Divorced and stuck with a house that isn't worth what he owes on it, he turns his life around by going back to school and getting an education in life and love from teacher Mercedes Tainot (Julia Roberts).
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕½
  Phil: ⊕½

▶ Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks star in Larry Crowne.

Reel Guys

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Hanks' comedic return

Richard Crouse and Phil Brown agree Larry Crowne feels a bit out of date
But they enjoy Hank's gentle character comedy and film's offbeat casting

Movie writer Phil Brown is sitting in for Mark Breslin this week.

Richard Crouse: Phil, Larry Crowne has an old-fashioned feel to it, like a '90s sitcom updated with references from the 2000s. There's something reassuring about seeing old pros Hanks and Roberts effortlessly glide through this like hot knives through butter, but occasionally the material feels a bit out of date.

Phil Brown: The movie seemed too old-fashioned to me and just felt bland. Star power has appeal, but I just can't buy two of the most recognizable movie stars as down-on-their-luck nobodies. Tom Hanks may have an everyman quality, but he looks as out of place working in a department store as Larry the Cable Guy at Harvard.

RC: Maybe so, but Hanks has been playing the Da Vinci Code's oh-so-serious iconology professor Robert Langdon for so long now it's easy to forget that he was once known as an accomplished comedic actor. Here he turns the dial back to movies like Joe and the Volcano, playing a likeable character you want to root for. I enjoyed that, I just found the obvious boomer baiting a bit obvious.

PB: Yeah, it was nice to see him try to be funny again and hopefully it's not the last time. Few do gentle character comedy better. The boomer baiting was frustrating as was the attempt to make overcoming economic crisis seem so easy. If only I'd known before now that the answer to any financial problems I have could be solved by taking a community college level intro to economics course with George Takei.

RC: I actually really liked the movie's offbeat casting. Sure Hanks and Roberts are the above-the-title stars, but they'll only appeal to people who remember when gas cost 54 cents a litre. The rest of the cast is bizarre. Pam Grier? Awesome. Wilmer Valderrama? Well, maybe not awesome, but at least left-of-centre enough to be fun. For all the familiar names in the cast, it was an unfamiliar one that grabbed my attention: Gugu Mbatha-Raw. I think a new star might have been born there.

PB: She has a star quality and I did enjoy seeing Tekei even if his subplot was ridiculous. This is a comfort food movie. For the price of admission you get pretty actors, a comfy moral and a happy ending. There's nothing wrong with cinematic empty calories, I just could have used some realism, edge and creativity.

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Scene in brief

Also opening this weekend is Selena Gomez's Monte Carlo, about a young girl on vacation in the seaside town who is mistaken for a British heiress. The movie also stars Leighton Meester, Cory Monteith and Andie MacDowell. Visit metronews.ca/movies on Friday to read a review of the film.
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Appealing to the masses

Horrible Bosses is a buddy comedy that never gets too dark Sudeikis talks to Metro about his new flick

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Although Jason Sudeikis stars in the new comedy Horrible Bosses, he says in real life he's never worked for a horrible boss.

A short retail career — "It was not my forte," he says — saw a manager harp on him about "hanger integrity," which he explains is "the act of making sure all your hangers in a closet or on a clothing rack face the exact same way." But he doesn't remember her as horrible. "Passive aggressive, yes, and very detail oriented, but horrible, no."

His current boss, Saturday Night Live head honcho Lorne Michaels, gets more effusive praise. "I picture him laughing a lot," he says. "I think that is what keeps him so spry."

In Horrible Bosses, the handsome actor — he's good-looking enough to have dated January Jones! — plays Kurt, who, along with Jason Bateman and Charlie Day, plot to kill their evil employers.

"I just think Jason and Charlie are so great," he says. "I watched and thought, 'Golly, they're so frickin' funny. I hope people are all right with me.'"

The plot sounds sinister, but the movie isn't serious in any way.

"I don't know if any of our characters go through an emotional arc," he laughs. "It never gets too dark. There's not going to be any copycat situations. It's not going to start things up around the country, or the world for that matter."

It's a buddy comedy expanded to three, just like another big hit this summer, The Hangover Part 2. "People, if they want to be crappy about it will say, 'Oh, they want to be The Hangover,' but it is totally different."

I mention a tweet someone sent after seeing Horrible Bosses. "Three is the new two," it read.

"I've been working on my own theory that four is the new rule of comedy in this new generation," he says. "One establishes the premise, two hits it, third is the punch line, then the fourth one is a comment on what the first three were."

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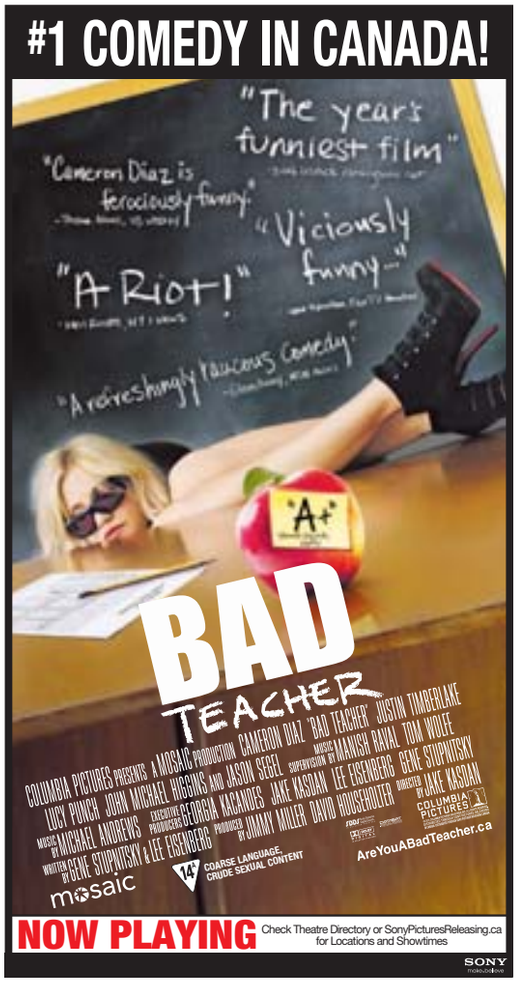
▶ Jason Sudeikis stars in Horrible Bosses.

Horrible Bosses is being released amidst the crash, boom, bang of the summer blockbusters. I ask him if he's concerned about competing with the likes of Transformers.

"Out of the movies that are being released around it, it's the one I would go see," he says. "I just happen to be in it, which is nice."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Pooh puts down his honey jar for Canada

Plan to show off your patriotic love of everything Canuck this Canada Day? You aren't the only one. Even Winnie the Pooh — named after Winnipeg, you know — is putting down his beloved honey jar and picking up the red and white this weekend. Disney's Winnie the Pooh, starring the voices of Craig Ferguson and John Cleese, is in theatres on July 15.

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Movie reviews

The Mountie
Genre: Western
Director: Wyeth Clarkson
Stars: Andrew Walker
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Director Wyeth Clarkson invests his Can-con western The Mountie — in which a steel-jawed Red Serge (Andrew Walker) liberates a town from the grip of evil opium dealers — with the eye of an artist, as breathtaking Yukon vistas and ultra-saturated colours fill the screen. That delicious visual pallet does much to smooth over the films' ample flaws, the most glaring being an episodic structure and a child's singsong voiceover that hampers the meditative tone Clarkson otherwise strives so hard to achieve.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Welcome to the animal house

Kevin James makes a family film that will entertain kids — and adults

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Does the idea of Kevin James starring in a comedy alongside a bunch of talking zoo animals sound ridiculous? Maybe a little corny? Kevin James himself would agree with that.

"I was immediately not into doing an animal movie," he confesses. "It just felt so kinda goofy to me to do it, and then as I started thinking about it more — if we could make it a great story where you didn't need animals, they're just kind of like buddies that could add to the film, I started getting more and more interested in it."

That's how the King of Queens star made his peace with starring in Zookeeper, in which he plays a zoo employee and animal lover who feels he must ditch the job he loves in order to impress an ex who is reconsidering him. Once the animals reveal they can talk, they coach James' character on how to win his lady back.

The actor is pleased with the end result of the film, but working directly with live zoo animals was another story.

"The bears were close to us and all I would do was just plan my escape route," he says. "Like, 'I know the cameraman's a smoker. I could push him in the way and then I'll be back in my trailer watching Sports Center.' That's the way I would plan it and it was scary at times."

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▶ Kevin James alongside his primate co-star in Zookeeper.

The animals are voiced by some Hollywood juggernauts — Adam Sandler, Cher, Nick Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Judd Apatow and Jon Favreau — all of whom, James says, were excited about the strength of the film's script.

"They felt like it was going to be a good movie and they decided to jump on board and so it makes it easier for any character when you know who is playing that part," he says, referencing the process of acting with their voice performances in mind.

"I've always loved physical comedy ... I loved Jackie Gleason — anybody who was big and could move, I like a lot."
KEVIN JAMES, ON THE DEMANDS OF HIS ROLE IN ZOOKEEPER

One thing the star is also adamant about was his desire to make a family film. "We just wanted it to be a funny, funny movie for everybody, where you can feel comfortable bringing your kids," he says. "I've gone to movies with my kids and I'm bored out of my skull. There's just no comedy for adults so I wanted something where it's comedy for everybody."

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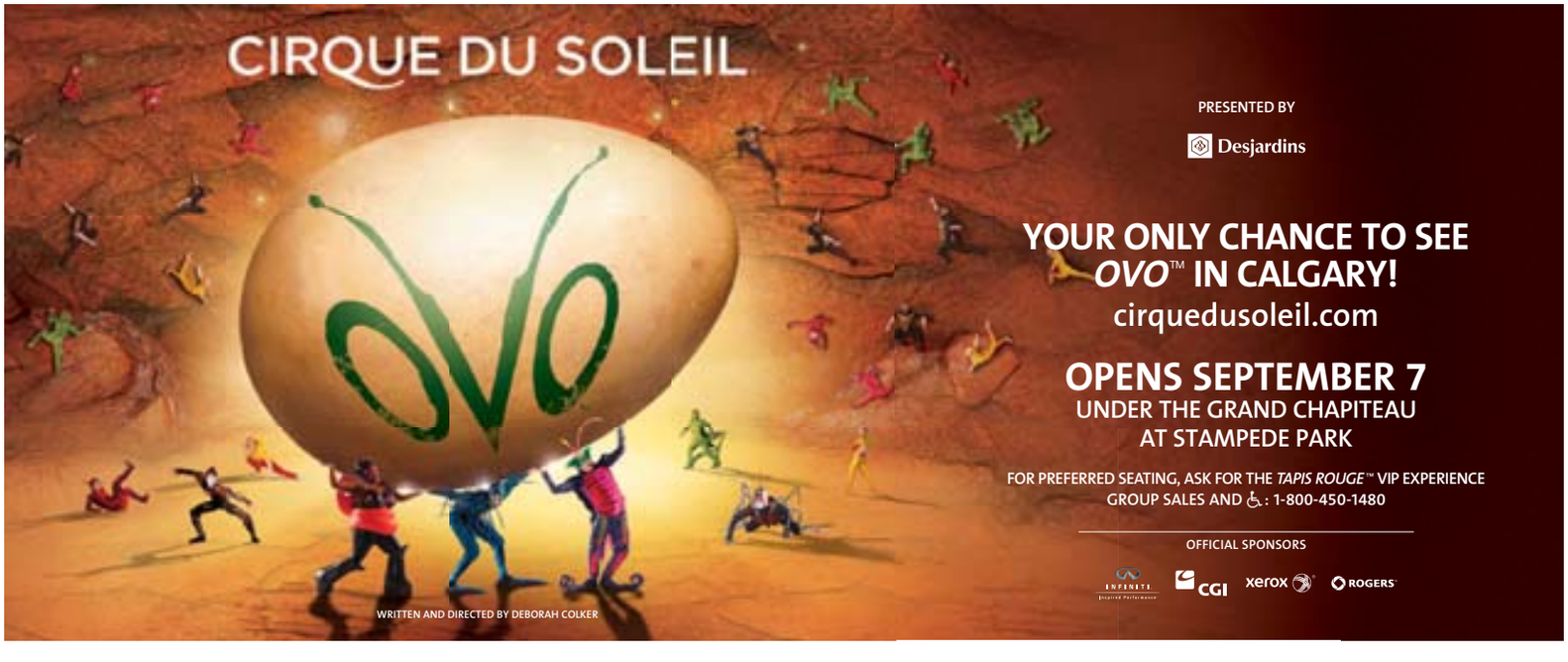

A rising star in Falling Skies

Toronto's Connor Jessup is living out his own Spielberg fantasy

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▶ Connor Jessup keeps his eye on the stars at the L.A. premiere of Falling Skies.

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From Steven Spielberg, the man who gave the world some of the most imaginative pop sci-fi entertainment in history, comes Falling Skies, the hotly anticipated alien invasion TV series premiering in Canada on July 6th on Superchannel, but already running to great acclaim on the TNT network in the U.S.

The eerie, action-packed fantasy drama takes place six months after a global extraterrestrial takeover and stars ER's Noah Wyle, whose efforts to find and liberate his son from the clutches of the space monsters sets the serialized plot in motion. Playing the unfortunate captive teen is Canada's own Connor Jessup, a rising star who has skipped a step on his career ladder by landing such a coveted role.

"This is unlike any other alien invasion show I've ever seen," says the articulate, intelligent 16-year-old heartthrob.

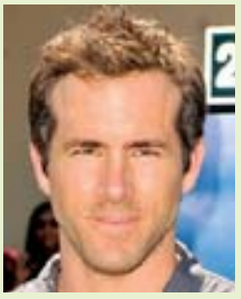
"The 'wow' moment of the invasion is over and the government and military are non-existent so the show is more about the survivors, the normal people banding together to try to fight the invaders and try to rebuild a society."

A native of Toronto, Jessup got his start on The Comedy Network's The John Dore show, which led to a major role in the Australian teen TV series The Saddle Club (to which he also occasionally contributed creatively). But his work on Falling Skies serves as a primal professional scream to the Hollywood machine that he's here to stay and is an on-screen presence to be reckoned with.

"I still haven't quite wrapped my head around that I'm working on a Steven Spielberg show," marvels Jessup of his good fortune.

"Steven was in Europe making Warhorse when we filmed the show so even though this was his pet project and he was very involved in conception, cutting trailers, creature design, character development and plot, he was rarely a presence on-set. I went back to high school after finishing the season so even now, it all seems kind of like a dream…"

TV picks



Canadian content rules

MOVIES. Just for the Canada Day weekend, there are plenty of films on offer featuring famous Canucks. On Friday, Showcase is airing a double-shot of films starring Vancouver's Ryan Reynolds (Foolproof and Van Wilder), Bravo counters with The Girl Next Door starring Calgary's Elisha Cuthbert, while the late Regina-born comedy legend Leslie Nielsen can be seen in Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult, airing on Diva.

Will and Kate in Ottawa

ROYALTY. This year's Canada Day festivities will have a royal flair as Prince William and Kate will swing through Ottawa to celebrate Canada's birthday. Canada Day in the Capital on Friday will seek to capture the excitement for those who can't party in the capital in person, along with performances from Sam Roberts and Great Big Sea. (CBC)

Groundhog or Panda

CLASSICS. Film fans have some tantalizing options Saturday. Bravo is airing the 1993 Bill Murray cult classic Groundhog Day, while Teletoon has two more recent hits: the charming '08 animated comedy Kung Fu Panda and action-packed graphic novel adaptation 300. Or you could sit and marvel at the fact that it's been 20 years since the release of the influential 1991 flick Thelma & Louise. (Peachtree TV)

Titanic returns

LOVE STORY. We're still nearly a year away from the 3D theatrical re-release of James Cameron's smash Titanic, so fans of the tragic love story might want to get their fix with Sunday's showing on AMC.

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THE BEST OF 2011 (SO FAR)

SOUND CHECK

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If you're reading this, chances are you still care about buying albums and CDs. And as we pass into the second half of 2011, here are my picks for the best albums of the year (so far) in alphabetical order.

Adele/21: Unstoppable. People are discovering that Adele is the Real Deal. There's little hype promoting this record. It's selling exclusively on the strength of the songs.

Beastie Boys/Hot Sauce Committee Part Two: MCA, dude, that cancer thing really scared us. How did you guys crank out such a solid record while all that Big C stuff was going down?

Bon Iver/Bon Iver: More divine melancholy music from the saddest man in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Dears/Degeneration Street: In the business, they call this kind of CD "a career-defining release," It's made the Long List for the Polaris Music Prize.

EMA/Past Life of Martyred Saints: South Dakotan Erika M. Anderson turns her noise-folk into something that PJ Harvey probably has in her iPod.

F—ed Up/David Comes to Life: No one in this Toronto hardcore band can explain the libretto of this rock opera. No matter. The ride is satisfying enough.

Foo Fighters/Wasting Light: This record is more proof that the Foos are as close to a perfectly constructed modern rock band as we're ever going to see.

PJ Harvey/Let England Shake: Harvey is a shape-and-genre shifter, with each album sounding completely different. Moving from woozy to fierce and back again, I hear something new each time I put on this CD.

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Finding her own voice

Vocalist Ledisi on her new album, and most famous fan

In 2004, singer-songwriter Ledisi — fed up with the pressure to conform to the mainstream music industry's female singer template — was ready to walk away from the biz. But persistence paid off — Verve signed the jazz-influenced star in the making, allowing her to record the albums Lost & Found and Turn Me Loose, both of which were nominated for two Grammys. Last week marked the release of her latest effort, Pieces of Me, so we caught up with the singer to talk about the message behind her self-confidence anthems and one of her most famous supporters — Michelle Obama.

Michelle Obama is a fan.

What was it like meeting her?

She's very down to Earth. She turned people she knew to my music ... And she invited me to participate in a women's mentoring program. It was a huge confidence boost.

On your new album, Hate Me and Shut Up are pretty powerful songs.

Hate Me is a song to celebrate the independence of women — women who don't chase after men. No matter what age group, people go bananas over this song because they can relate ... Shut Up is a song going against what negative things people would say. I would never change my image to fit in. I was always about being yourself.

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The sounds of summer

Super Bass by Nicki Minaj/ Where Them Girls At by David Guetta Featuring Flo Rida and Nicki Minaj
This summer belongs to Nicki.

If only we could be certain that a third song she appeared on would be huge, we could call it a Minaj-a-trois. But we're certain that these two bangers are contenders for the song of summer.

There's something so likable about her voice, whether she's singing or rapping. She's funny, dirty and within these two jams, she effortlessly references Slick Rick, Led Zeppelin and soul singer Peabo Bryson.

The line you'll be singing: "Somebody tell him who the eff I is."

PAT HEALY

There are no awards for the song of summer, just the honour of worming your tune into the collective consciousness during the most nostalgic season of the year.

And yet, to achieve song of the summer status requires more than just the hallmarks of a hit song.

It helps to have at least two of the following: laid-back vibe, a seize-the-night message, whistling, a few woah ohs or la las, funny lyrics, a booze and/or pop culture reference.

And perhaps most importantly, they all need to have that one part that will function as an in-joke between you and your friends regarding whatever summer situation you find yourself in.

The Edge of Glory by Lady Gaga
Like a great summer night, this song is all about living in the moment. It is also the type of tune that you hear once and you already know it, with its huge buildup to the anthemic chorus, which takes place about 10 times in the song. This makes for convenient group singalongs on the way to the beach.

Give Me Everything by Pitbull (featuring Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer)
Employing the same seize-the-night ethos that make the Gaga and Britney songs work, Pitbull raps a "got it locked up like Lindsay Lohan" line as well as an "I might drink a little more than I should" line as Ne-Yo delivers the catchy chorus. You'll be playing this as you get ready to go out because you know you'll be hearing it when you hit the clubs.

I Wanna Go by Britney Spears
Britney has always been great at looking at what other people are doing, and saying, "Hey, that looks cool. Let me try!" and totally kicking ass at it. Here she runs away with the catchy whistling and the "I wanna go all the way ay ay/Takin' out my freak tonight" party message.

The Lazy Song by Bruno Mars
The formula here is Jason Mraz + Sublime, but it's hard to dock Bruno Mars points for borrowing since this song is all about being lazy. The beat is just begging for a traffic jam, where you will roll down the window and thump your hand on the outside of the car door. Anyone within earshot will be whistling along. The pop culture references abound ("Teach Me How to Dougie") and the vapid girl who says "ohmigod, this is great" about doing the deed with him is really funny.

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Tonight Tonight by Hot Chelle Rae
This one has pretty much everything a song of summer should: A huge woah oh oh chorus, an easy beat, pop culture references galore ("I woke up with a strange tattoo, not sure how I got it, not a dollar in my pocket/And it kinda looks just like you, mixed with Zach Galifianakis"), funny lyrics and that carpe noche chorus of "We're going at it tonight, tonight/There's a party on the rooftop top of the world."

Pricetag by Jessie J (featuring B.o.B.)
"We just wanna make the world dance," sings Jessie J in a sexy Brit plea against a chill "Ooh Child" groove. But Jessie is actually calling for a return to a pre-MTV worldview. "We need to take it back in time/When music made us all unite/And it wasn't low blows and video hos."

Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F) by Katy Perry
"Pictures of last night ended up online, I'm screwed/oh well, it's a blacked out blur, but I'm pretty sure it ruled." There really isn't much more that needs to be said about Perry's hilarious hangover ditty. If you go the whole summer without busting out in the T.G.I.F. chant in this song, then you might not be able to call yourself a member of modern society.

Pumped Up Kicks by Foster the People
This third whistler on the list is actually a dark song about taking revenge on bullies. But when singer Mark Foster, who sounds like he's talking from an interrogation room during the verse, bursts into the celebratory chorus, it's easy to sing along, even if you don't realize you're saying, "you'd better run faster than my bullet."

Wetsuit by the Vaccines
The Vaccines sound like a cooler Coldplay here. With its repeated incantation of "we all got old at breakneck speed," this song was tailor made for a yearbook quote.

Every Teardrop is a Waterfall by Coldplay
Speaking of Coldplay, we should probably put them on here. Though we like the Vaccines song better, this one is definitely one of the tunes you will be hearing a lot of in these next few months, especially as the release date of their next album creeps closer in early fall.

Ice Cream by Battles
This manically sexy song has a manically sexy video. You know what else is sexy? Summertime!

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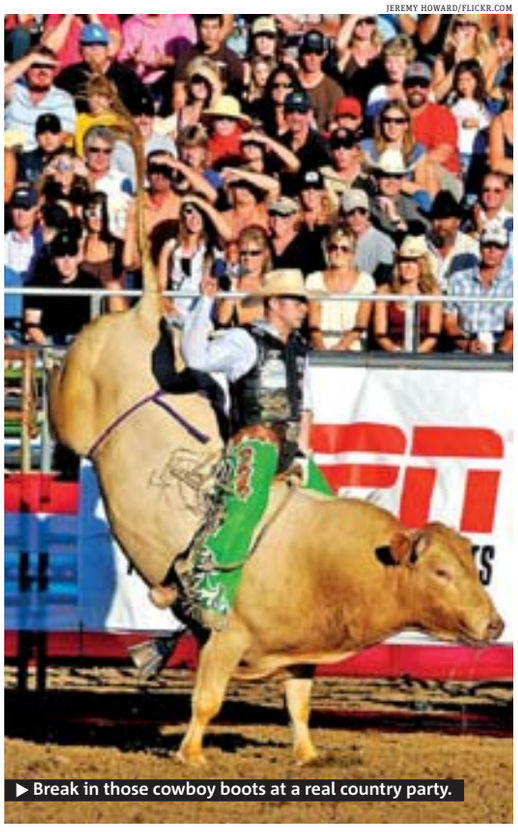

▶ Break in those cowboy boots at a real country party.

A party that's sure to get 'dirt on your jeans'

New Canadian puts the buck in Biggest Stampede Party to date

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
METRO CALGARY

Canada Day long weekend in Calgary usually means preparing your liver for the damage of the impending 10 days of Stampede, but for Joe Messina of Fantasy Adventure Bullriding, it means putting the final touches on the biggest off-grounds Stampede party this city has ever seen.

"I have been working on bringing an event like this to Calgary ever since I moved here, so you could say it has been five years in the making," boasts Messina, a native Australian who became an official Canadian citizen in 2007.

Sounds like he's creating some pretty big boots to fill. Intrigued, I ask him what his inspiration was for trying to get the attention of Calgarians during one of the busiest times of the year.

The veteran bull rider explains, "When I came to Calgary, I really loved the excitement Stampede created, but I found some of the parties lacked the dirt on your jeans, two step till your boots break, come as you are feeling that I loved so much about the country parties I had been to during my rodeo days."

Notes

- Proceeds from the event support The Flying Doctors of Canada.
- Calgary Police and Fire face-off with a bull riding competition.
- Tickets include transportation, entertainment, and food.

Messina more than makes up for the down and dirty. On top of beer gardens, cowboy feasts and Nashville recording artists, Messina has bulls. Snot-flinging, stomping, bucking-bred bulls. This is the closest you'll get to these 3,000 pound pissed-off animals without breaking the bank for infield passes at the Stampede. Plus, Joe promises there's going to be an unforgettable infield experience for a few lucky guests. The only hints he gives are "think wranglers, pigs, and oil." Yikes ...

The Biggest Stampede Party takes place Friday, July 8. Tickets to the all-day affair are $99 and include roundtrip shuttles to the Balzac ranch, free drinks and food, plus access to the rodeo. For all the details and to get your tickets, visit dostampede.com. To submit your upcoming event, email entertainmentcalgary@metro.ca or message @mediamindjen on Twitter.

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‘I always said I would have a baby at 30’

Beyoncé opens up to Piers Morgan about getting older and being a diva, just as her new album, 4, starts buzzing

PIERS MORGAN: What was it like for you headlining the Glastonbury Festival? To play a crowd that big?
BEYONCÉ: Well, before I performed, I was so scared. I was like a leaf. Just — I was really, really afraid. And I just had to say forget that it’s 175,000 people and pretend it’s just like the show you did two days ago and you have been doing this your whole life. And just have fun. And, you know, we all got together, said our prayer. We took our breath and tried to exhale all the negativity and I just had to tell myself, I deserve it. I’m a diva. I’ve worked hard. And I psyched myself up, and once you hear the crowd and you get past the first couple of minutes, then it’s time to rock. It’s time to have a good time and enjoy it.

I love that phrase. I’m a diva. You say that proudly.
I do.

A lot of stars, you know, they sort of shy away, “I’m not a diva.” You love being a diva.
Well, I’ve met what a diva is supposed to be. And I’ve met Patti LaBelle and I’ve met Tina Turner and I’ve met these incredible women that are graceful.

I keep hearing how shy you are.
I don’t know. I think I — for one, I’m not shy anymore.

I am the person at the dinner party that is quiet and observing and having a one-on-one conversation. I get embarrassed when it’s a lot of people and a lot of eyes.

And I am still that way. I wouldn’t say shy. But now, you know, on the stage, I have been doing it for a while. And it’s my place to be me and to be free.

And I don’t feel like I’m being judged. I feel like it doesn’t matter how irritated I am or angry I am or excited or in love or whatever emotion.

You are 29 years old.
Yes.

And in September—
I’ll be 30.

The looming, dooming big 30 is emerging in your life. You are pretending to be very, very thrilled about this. Are you?
I can’t wait, because 29 is very strange. You are still in your 20s, but you feel like you are supposed to be 30. And I feel like a woman. I feel like I am very aware of who I am and I feel great. And I feel like 30 is the ideal age. Because you are mature enough to know who you are...

It’s beginning to sound a bit like your mother, which makes me think you are now heading to the right kind of time in your life—
I’m turning into my mom.

No, I didn’t say that.
You are trying to say I need to have a baby.

I didn’t even ask the question.
OK. I always said I would have a baby at 30.

Exactly.
But I also said I was going to retire at 30. So, I don’t know.

Can we expect the little patter of little Beyoncé and Jay-Zs?
Only God knows.

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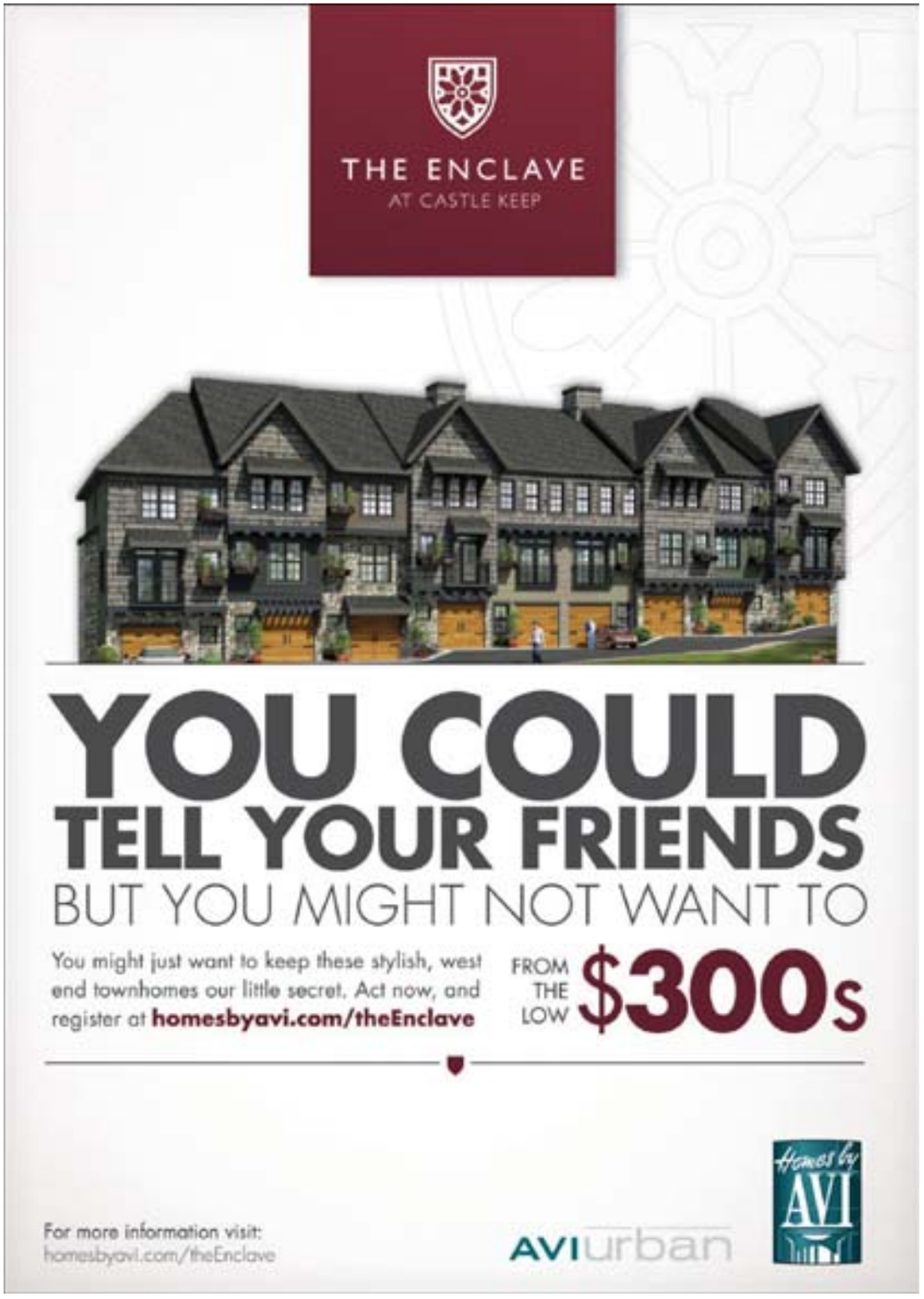
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▶ Beyoncé at Glastonbury

Alicia Keys talks inspiration, image and motherhood

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▶ Alicia Keys

Looking back 10 years after Songs in A Minor shot her to stardom

Music critics are invited to see burgeoning singer-songwriters almost every day. But when a request came across this writer's desk to see a young singer-songwriter at an intimate showcase 10 years ago, it carried with it high expectations.

Backed by music mogul Clive Davis, Alicia Keys was billed as a cross between Lauryn Hill and Whitney Houston — a gritty, cornrow-wearing R&B singer who was a brilliant, classically trained pianist with both a stunning voice and beauty. Grammy Awards and multi-platinum sales were more than hoped for, they were expected. And Keys delivered on all the hype when her debut, Songs in A Minor, was released in 2001. The album established the 20-year-old as one of the most influential artists of her generation. But looking back, Keys says she didn't expect the album would make her a superstar.

"This had been a lot of years of me struggling to put out any music, and there had been multiple times where we were like, 'Oh, it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen,' and it didn't. So in a lot of ways in my mind, I think maybe I was protecting myself," she recalled. The album is being re-released this week with special editions that include unreleased tracks and video footage. Keys, who married music producer Swizz Beatz and gave birth to a son last year, will also perform songs from the album at a concert at New York's Beacon Theatre on Thursday.

The Associated Press: In the video that accompanies the re-release, you talk about how you weren't the refined girl people expected. What were the adjustments that you had to make over the years, and how have you changed?

Keys: I was straight off the streets of Harlem and Hell's Kitchen. ... I'm a real New York girl. So I think that was kind of a bit of a shock for people, especially back then, to see a real New York girl, and here I was doing all of these interviews. ... When I look back at them, I'm like, 'Damn, Alicia, you could have been a little gentler.' I just had a certain kind of roughness to me. That was just because that's the way I associated with people at the time ... I remember reading a couple of things where they literally kind of criticized the way that I used my hands, or the way that I spoke, or say that I was whatever because I spoke a certain way. There were a lot of judgments ... that definitely made me conscious about how to start to maybe be a little bit more aware of how I was coming off ... but I'm still the same me.

"It's made me so much stronger, it's made me so much more powerful. First of all, I'm having more fun than I've ever had in my whole life. I'm happier than I've ever been in my whole life."
ALICIA KEYS ON MOTHERHOOD

How have you musically evolved?

(What) I really learned about music is that you don't understand it. That's the part about it. There really is no formula ... it's all about a gift, it's like a moment, and you don't know when that moment is going to come.

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Halle Berry's custody battle getting nasty

Actress files paperwork accusing her ex-husband of neglectful behaviour

Halle Berry's custody battle with ex Gabriel Aubry over their daughter, Nahla, isn't getting any friendlier, according to Us Weekly.

The Oscar-winning actress appeared in family court in L.A. this week, submitting paperwork that accused Aubry of being neglectful and of violating an earlier custody agreement.

Aubry was not present for the court appearance.

"Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her," Berry's rep said when the custody battle began in January.

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"Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time..."
HALLE BERRY'S REP

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▶ Halle Berry

Madonna after another child

Despite the collapse of her previous plans to build a school in Malawi, Madonna hasn't given up on helping the impoverished African nation.

The singer is now working on plans to build an orphanage there, according to E! Online.

"My short-term goals are to build an orphan care center that will service and reach at least 1,000 children, and I'm also actively involved in funding several orphanages that already exist," she says.

Madonna has previously tried a number of times to adopt impoverished kids.

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▶ Madonna

▶ David Duchovny

Sex addict split?

David Duchovny and Tea Leoni have separated, their reps confirm to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that while the actors are taking some time apart, they have not yet decided if they will file for divorce.

The couple previously separated in 2008, later reconciling after Duchovny entered rehab for sex addiction.

They have two children, a daughter, 12, and a son, 9. METRO

Talking points

Reason for divorce? "It's Mel Gibson"

BEST ANSWER EVER. After two years of negotiations, Mel Gibson and his wife, Robyn Moore, have reportedly reached a divorce settlement, according to Hollyscoop.

The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed, and the official paperwork isn't expected to be filed until August. The couple had no prenuptial agreement, and they jointly own three homes in Malibu, an island in Fiji and a ranch in Costa Rica. When Moore initially filed for divorce in April 2009, she wrote in the reason for the split as "It's Mel Gibson."

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Falling out of Love – literally

DOUBLE ENTENDRE INTENDED Courtney Love has reportedly split from Henry Allsopp, a British art dealer and the godson of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, according to the Daily Express.

And while Love is certainly upset about the breakup, apparently the same can't necessarily be said for Allsopp's family.

"She had moved in within a month of meeting Henry last November and made herself quite at home," a source tells the Daily Express. "Most of the family were rather alarmed by how besotted he was and feared she had delusions of landing herself a title — she used to joke about becoming Lady Love."

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Celebrity tweets

@TomArnold

"Inspite of or maybe because of all the jokes LaToya Jackson seems like maybe the nicest person on the planet. She needs a big hug. Am I right?"

@lindsaylohan

"Have you guys seen food and gas prices lately? U.S. $ will soon be worthless if the Fed keeps printing money!"

@JimCarrey

"I'm in NY because I heard they need another crazy person walkin' around."

@SteveMartinToGo

"I've decided not to sue Google over stealing my idea about calling me up and asking me anything"

J-Lo not the star she thinks she is

NO PAY RAISE FOR YOU Jennifer Lopez has said she's "on the fence" about returning to American Idol next season, but sources close to the show claim the singer is simply angling for a pay hike — and it could cost her the whole gig, according to Popeater.

Producers are reportedly already discussing replacements — including Shania Twain and Shakira — for Lopez, who earned $12 million for her first season as a judge on the reality competition.

"Right now the star of American Idol is Steven Tyler," a source says.

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Fantastic Man

The story of how David Gandy and Dolce & Gabbana brought sexy back

RICHARD PECKETT
METRO WORLD NEWS

"I'm a big believer in, 'don't believe in your own hype,'" says David Gandy. As muse to Dolce & Gabbana, he's arguably the world's most famous male model of today. But as he says, "I wouldn't have the audacity to call myself a supermodel."

This is a man who walks down runways dressed in nothing but tightie whities for a living, so you might assume he's being facetious. You'd be wrong.

We met at his model agency in London following the especially lavish, movie-star style launch in Milan of his eponymous book by Dolce & Gabbana. "It's been a surreal weekend, going from driving a classic Triumph around with a police escort and everyone screaming one day to going back to Sainsbury's supermarket the next," the 30-year-old says.

Yes, David Gandy goes to the supermarket. He may be shaped like an inverted triangle with abs of steel but he is, in layman's terms, a regular, "nice guy" working in a notoriously bitchy field. How has an unassuming man made it to the top of one of the most notoriously back-stabby industries? "I have more determination than a lot of people and I'm absolutely stubborn," he says.

He's so headstrong, in fact, that he once stormed out of an important casting when asked to shave his trademark mane.

"They said, 'That's our look and that's what we have to do but it's your choice if you want to leave," he explains. "So I packed my bags and left."

It's a willfulness that Gandy assures me he asserted when making the book, which includes more than a few butt shots and photos of him playfully holding phallic-shaped objects near his mouth. He explains: "For a lot of the photos, [Domenico and Stefano] probably wanted to go further than me, but we reigned it in a bit," he says.

In fashion terms, the union of man and brand was a game changer. "People said I changed the industry but it wasn't me, it was Dolce & Gabbana and Mario Testino. We did the white pants in Light Blue and then [Emporio] Armani followed with David Beckham," he says. Gandy represented a breakaway from the effete-looking, super skinny Dior guy that had become so popular.

A waif, Gandy is not. And he'll be promoting his muscle man ethos with his very own fitness and nutrition iPhone app later this year.

"After 10 years in the industry, I can actually say what, fitness-wise, absolutely works. There'll be new techniques from the U.S. and I'll be simplifying complex terms," he says. Sounds like supermodel material to us.

"I have more determination than a lot of people and I'm absolutely stubborn."
GANDY ON HIS SUCCESS

Why he's so famous

- It was Gandy's hot-blooded, Adonis-like masculinity in the Dolce & Gabbana Light Blue fragrance campaign (above) that got him noticed for all the right reasons by housewives and jealous husbands around the world.

David Gandy by Dolce & Gabbana, dolce&gabbana.com, $150

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TYSON BECKFORD

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Trend of the week

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Liven up your office by sporting a boldly coloured skirt with a simple white tee It's a fresh and easy to pull off look that can take you from work to that summer rooftop party

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METRO WORLD NEWS

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The Kate craze

What will the royal beauty wear on Canadian trip?

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Fashion fans will be fixing their stylish gazes on Kate during her Canadian visit, as many are eager to check out the latest looks from the royal trendsetter.

If her fashion track record holds firm, they can expect a mix of affordable, off-the-rack pieces and higher-end designer wear during her tour with Prince William.

Kate's fashion choices are clearly currying favour among many stylewatchers who regularly document and dissect her head-to-toe ensembles. The intense scrutiny has also helped create a legion of copy-Kates keen to mirror her look.

A $245 blush-coloured bandage Reiss dress worn by Kate when she and William met the Obamas touched off a fashion frenzy, crashing the U.K. label's website and leading the company to reissue the design.

Susan Kelley is behind the blog WhatKateWore.com that launched in March. The site devoted to chronicling Kate's looks is averaging between 4,000 and 7,000 readers daily, with the Reiss Shola dress being the most popular garment they get searches for, she said.

Kelley will have a little help during the royals' visit to Canada and California, with arrangements made for guest posts from people in Montreal and Santa Barbara who plan to submit information and photos.

"I think that's the beauty of what Kate is saying to the world: that you can be modern and classic, you don't have to spend a fortune on designer clothes."
BARBARA ATKIN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF FASHION DIRECTION AT HOLT RENFREW

Kelley says she thinks Kate's conservative and classic style is part of the allure and attraction for people.

"I think people are tired of the very blingy, out there, over the top styles that they're seeing where celebrities are practically naked," she said in an interview from Okemos, Mich.

Sarah Casselman, senior editor of fashion news for Fashion Magazine, says Kate typically goes for "power pigments" like brick red and bright blue, and that she has always been consistent with her style.

"She definitely knows her figure, she knows what looks great on her body," said Casselman. "She loves the body-skimming silhouette, she loves a knee-length hemline, and she definitely loves her bright bright colours."

Despite her royal status, Casselman said Kate doesn't shy away from stepping out again in some of her earlier looks, a practice that has led her to be dubbed "the royal recycler." Case in point: Kate wore a $70 Zara dress the day after her nuptials and again to attend Prince Phillip's 90th birthday church service.

Barbara Atkin, vice-president of fashion direction at Holt Renfrew, said Kate's embrace of both mass fashion brands and luxury labels is something that makes her style more accessible.

"I think that's the beauty of what Kate is saying to the world: that you can be modern and classic, you don't have to spend a fortune on designer clothes, you don't need to be avant-garde – you just need to be real and elegant." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada Couture

Will Middeton sport local attire during her trip?

Sarah Casselman, senior editor at Fashion News, hopes to see Kate go patriotic in red and white for Canada Day on Parliament Hill. In terms of a homegrown designer she feels would complement Kate's style, Casselman suggests longtime womenswear designer Lida Baday.

"Lida is known for her strict tailoring, very clean lines, and those vibrant solid colours, which is classic Kate."

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Life's a beach

Summery decor evokes sun and surf and brings the best of the beach indoors — minus the annoying sand between your toes

If you've ever carted home some unfortunate monstrosity from a beach vacation and rued it, take heart.

That's not the kind of beach decor we're talking about here.

This summer, retailers are offering decor that evokes the sand and surf, but with a sophistication that makes it work as a seasonal accent to most rooms no matter what your decorating style.

Get creative when hunting for something interesting and seasonal; often, you'll find it at a store you might not usually go to.

Surf's up

- **Bring some sea-life** elements to a couple of walls with Pottery Barn's mounted faux sea urchin collection, set in a soft white frame.
- **Branches of rosy coral** are silkscreened on linen to make an elegant wall hanging.
- **Pretty cast-stone** terra cotta starfish, and shells, washed white and framed also evoke the ocean.

Wall mounted "surfboards" give the cottage (or city apartment) a laid-back spot to hang a jacket.

PBTeen has a host of quirky yet delightful items that evoke the theme: a tabletop angel fish fashioned from driftwood bits; wire art, including jaunty starfish hooks; a mountable shark's head whose toothy maw can be used as a receptacle for beach hats, dog leashes and so on.

A day's beachcombing often yields some lovely finds, such as gently hued, water-washed glass.

At Beach Grass Cottage, they've gathered up lots of the stuff, and their artisans have made lampshade and mirror trims, as well as wreaths that can be custom ordered in shades of milky white, pastel pink, aqua and even a few brighter blues.

There are alphabet letters encrusted with sea glass, too — what a great house present.

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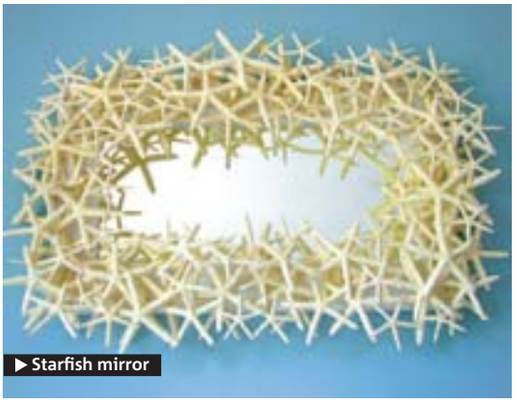

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Open the door to curb appeal

They say not to judge a book by its cover — but buyers often judge a home by its door Give your house a facelift by making the entranceway inviting

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Personalize your front door with a paint colour and style of your choice.

Painting your front door will give your home years worth of curb appeal, and will add personality with your colour choice.

These tips for painting your front door come from licensed contractor Jason Cameron, host of Desperate Landscapes on DIY Network Canada.

Cameron's show transforms neglected backyards into landscape showpieces — all in just one day.

Prep the door

With help, remove the door and place it on sawhorses for cleaning and painting.

Remove all of the hardware, including doorknob, peephole and knocker.

Wash the door and allow it to dry. If there are any cracks in the door, patch them with quick-drying wood filler.

Once dry, sand down the filler so that the patch is smooth with the door.

Prime the door

There's no need to prime if the paint is already in good condition, but if you are using a dark colour it's advisable to use primer.

Prime all six sides of the door — front, back, top, bottom, and sides, and let dry completely.

Any part not primed will absorb moisture.

If there are still cracks after priming, fill them with caulk and prime overtop once again.

Once dry, use sandpaper to get rid of any paint drips or unevenness in the panels, then use an old paintbrush to clean off the dust from sanding.

Paint the door

Use an angled sash brush and begin by painting the corners of the panels, working from top to bottom.

Do not use too much paint, and ensure that it does not puddle.

Use a roller to paint the rest of the door, following the grain of the wood.

Begin with the raised panels, then the top and bottom, sides, and finally the outside edges.

Continue with as many coats as necessary to achieve your desired colour, each time starting with the sash brush and following with the roller in the order described.

Once completely dry, reattach the door and enjoy a beautiful facelift for your home!

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DON'T LEAD YOUR CAT TO TEMPTATION

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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If you read my column on Tuesday, you know I'm a professional Butler — and I'm here to help you sort through lifes how-to's.

On Tuesday, I'm answering your social etiquette questions, and every other Thursday, I'm offering my best advice on managing your home.

So, please send your questions to askcharlesthebutler@metronews.ca and remember to look for this column every other Thursday.

Let's start with our first question!

Question: Is there a correct way to place toilet paper on the toilet paper holder?!

Answer: As a matter of fact, there is!

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▶ It's all about the little things: A correctly placed toilet paper roll is a nice touch in any bathroom.

The toilet paper roll is meant to go over not under, that is UNLESS you have a cat.

If you are a cat owner, you will want the toilet paper to go under to save yourself lots of grief.

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A toast to Canada's diverse food identity

The 222 mouth-watering recipes in Canada Grills! will make the perfect addition to any Canada Day get-together They're quick and very simple to make

PHOTOS FROM CANADA GRILLS!

▶ The addition of jerk seasoning gives this burger a kick.

This year, while you're toasting the nation's 144th birthday, incorporate unique food items that reflect the multiculturalism of our country with these Grilled Honey & Lime Prawns and Jamaican Jerk Burgers.

Jerk seasoning, a Jamaican marinade that is normally used with chicken, gives the burger a new twist. Meanwhile, the combination of honey and lime in the prawns perfectly balances sweet and sour.

From the editors of Creative Homeowner, Canada Grills! not only features recipes but also an introduction to grilling, barbecue and smoking terms, temperatures, tips by Barry "CB" Martin, and more than 50 of CB's EZ recipes.

Jamaican Jerk Burgers

Preparation:

1. For burgers, whisk together all ingredients except beef. Then mix in beef until combined. Form into patties; grill.
2. For mayo, bring egg yolks to room temp. In food processor, purée yolks, lime juice, chipotle, cilantro, salt, white pepper. When incorporated, drizzle in oil while processor running.

Note: To avoid consuming raw eggs for health reasons, use pasteurized eggs, or substitute about 1½ cups store-bought mayo for eggs and oil.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef, pork, or turkey
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 4 tablespoons Jamaican jerk seasoning

Chipotle-Lime Mayonnaise

- 2 egg yolks
- 3 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 teaspoon chipotle purée
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- Salt and white pepper to taste
- 1 cup olive oil

CB's Gilled Honey & Lime Prawns

Preparation:

1. Combine marinade ingredients in sealable plastic bag, and add prawns. Refrigerate for up to 1 hour. Combine basting-sauce ingredients in a nonreactive bowl, and set aside.
2. Preheat grill to medium high. Place marinated prawns on hot grates. Use tongs to turn, and sear all sides. When seared, remove the prawns to a holding pan away from direct heat.
3. Brush with basting sauce, and allow to finish cooking, about 3 to 5 minutes. Squirt with lime. CANADA GRILLS! (PUBLISHED BY CREATIVE HOMEOWNER, 2011, SADDLE RIVER, N.J.)

Ingredients:

- 1 pound jumbo prawns, cleaned, tails on

Marinade

- 2 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons dry white vermouth
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

Basting sauce

- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey

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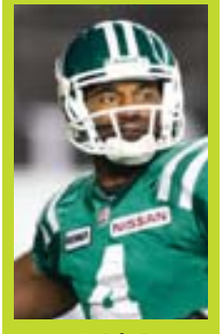

"I think everyone on this team who has been a part of the past two Grey Cups, they have that fire inside of them that they want to unleash on someone else."
ROUGHRIDERS QUARTERBACK DARIAN DURANT

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Stamps players back with Grey Cup goal

- Vast majority of 2010 team that boasted a 13-5 record returns
- Veteran QB Burris says the top prize is his 'only motivation'

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▶ Edmonton Eskimo Joe Skykes, right, sacks Calgary Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris as Calgary teammate Jon Cornish looks on during pre-season CFL football action in Edmonton June 24.

Back for his 13th CFL season, Henry Burris has just one thing on his mind.

While the Stampeders quarterback has high expectations for the regular season, his main priority is to gradually build Calgary into a playoff-ready team.

"To me, the only motivation is we didn't win a Grey Cup last year," said Burris, who led the Stamps to a championship in 2008. "To me, that's enough for the guys that are here."

The vast majority of the players who helped the Stamps compile a league-best 13-5 record in 2010 are back for another season and they're all still stinging from a second straight loss to the rival Saskatchewan Roughriders in the West Division final.

"Now it's time to just put it all together and go out and have some fun," said Calgary receiver Nik Lewis, who's entering his eighth season with the Stamps.

With fellow receivers Ken-Yon Rambo and Romby Bryant back for another season and stalwart running back Joffrey Reynolds looking as dominant as ever, the Calgary offence should once again be tough for opposing teams to contain.

"We feel like Hank's going to play all 18 games and into the playoffs. He was the league MVP last year and he feels like he's better this year."
CALGARY RECEIVER NIK LEWIS

"You really go into it with a base of offensive guys in skill positions that have been here for the long haul," said Lewis, pointing out that Canadian running backs Jon Cornish and Rob Cote both have four years of experience with the Stamps.

With backup quarterback Drew Tate nursing a sore shoulder he sustained in Calgary's second pre-season game, the Stamps signed veteran pivot Michael Bishop on Wednesday as insurance.

"He can still throw the ball," said Calgary head coach and general manager John Hufnagel.

Hufnagel can also call upon rookie Canadian quarterback Brad Sinopoli, although he didn't tip his hat as to whom he'll pencil in as second on the depth chart behind Burris for Friday's game.

On defence, the biggest question for the Stamps in training camp was how they would cope with the loss of all-star cornerbacks Dwight Anderson, who signed as a free agent with the Montreal Alouettes, and Brandon Browner, now under contract with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

After three seasons with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Geoff Tisdale signed with the Stamps in the off-season and earned a spot in the starting lineup.

"I prepared myself in the off-season for this," said Tisdale, who had four interceptions, eight pass knock-downs and 58 tackles with the Ticats last year. "I'm preparing myself each and every day for it. I'm feeling real good going into the season."

Defensive back Brandon Smith has liked what he's seen from Tisdale in training camp.

Greg Fassitt, who played one game with the New Orleans Saints in 2009, appears to have nabbed the other starting corner spot ahead of Johnnie Dixon, who's back for his second season with the Stamps.

In addition to having confidence in Burris and the Stampeders offence, Hufnagel also stated that he's optimistic Calgary will have a strong defence.

"I liked how they performed during training camp and the two pre-season games," Hufnagel said. "We'll see when the bolts are flying for real how they hold up."
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Sinclair determined to face France

With a look of resolve, Christine Sinclair strapped on her face mask and jogged onto the pitch Wednesday to practise with her team for the first time since breaking her nose three days earlier.

But while her body language said nothing but sheer determination, her status for Canada's do-or-die game Thursday against France at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany is still unclear.

Canada's captain and leading scorer took a stray elbow to the nose in the team's opening 2-1 loss to Germany but still managed to score on a free kick.

But now the team's World Cup storyline could quickly turn sour with a loss to France, and the question the day before the big game is: Will she or won't she play?

"Christine Sinclair is one of the best players in the world. Maybe the best player in the world," said head coach Carolina Morace. "So for us, the damage is huge."

Canada's team doctor Pietro Braina put the chances of Sinclair playing at 40 per cent, but added "a lot can change in 24 hours."

Sinclair was out on the field at Ruhrstadionin barely looking the worse for wear, the only tell-tale sign of her injury her grey "Zorro" mask. During practice she took part in leaping header drills and shot the doctor a quick "It's OK" when he checked on her.

Sixth-ranked Canada must at least tie No. 7 France to move on to the quarter-finals.
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▶ Christine Sinclair

WHO WILL HOIST THE GREY CUP?

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Throwing away the mortgage money on a potential Grey Cup winner before the season even starts is pure lunacy, especially in the most unpredictable pro sports league on the planet. But we're playing with house money, so let's lay down some odds and project the sure shots, long shots and haven't-got-a-shots for the upcoming 2011 CFL season.

3-1
Montreal

The two-time defending Grey Cup champs have made three straight appearances in the title game and there's no reason to believe "Les Larks" are finished picking up CFL jewelry. QB Anthony Calvillo is another year older (38) and is without SB Ben Cahoon (retired) and RB Avon Cobourne (free agency), but the Als are king of the hill until someone knocks them off.

4-1
Calgary

The Stamps have 2010 most outstanding player Henry Burris back at the helm and he's always a threat, despite significant changes along the O-line. Burris has Joffrey Reynolds, the CFL's top RB in the backfield. On defence, the secondary is without CBs Brandon Browner (NFL) and Dwight Anderson (free agency). Stamps have plenty to prove after following up their 2008 Grey Cup win with two West final losses.

5-1
Saskatchewan

Significant changes in 2011, including a rebuilt coaching staff under newcomer Greg Marshall, could affect the Green Giants. The Riders also lost SB Andy Fantuz (NFL), but bolstered Darian Durant's O-line with the addition of Alex Gauthier and George Hudson.

6-1
B.C.

The heat's on head coach Wally Buono to get his Lions into the Grey Cup at B.C. Place Stadium in November. Helping his chances is QB Travis Lulay, who proved late last season that he has the arm and leadership ability to get it done. Lulay will have 2010 most outstanding offensive lineman Ben Archibald, a free agent from Calgary, buying him time in the backfield.

10-1
Hamilton

The Tabbies could be contenders in the East but have struggled in the playoffs. The addition of free agent RB Avon Cobourne could provide the missing ingredient in the post-season.

20-1
Edmonton

Top-to-bottom changes this season will make for a long year for the Green and Gold. Could miss the playoffs.

30-1
Toronto

A solid D got the Argos into the East final last year, but they'll go no farther without a QB.

50-1
Winnipeg

The Blue Bombers were 4-14 last season, but nine of those losses were by four points or less. A healthy Buck Pierce at quarterback could turn the agony of defeat into the joy of victory, but don't bet on it.

"First we have to win on Thursday, and then get in the playoffs and win that playoff game, and then we'll get in the Grey Cup. We take it day by day."
MONTREAL DEFENSIVE BACK MARK ESTELLE

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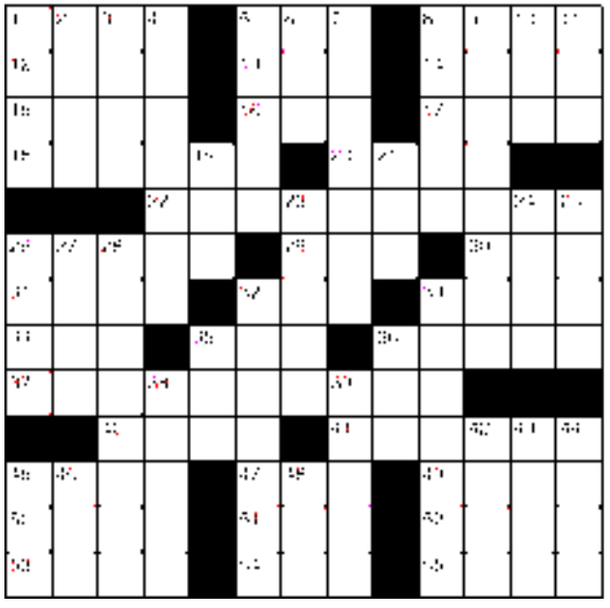

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22 Not working right
26 Beet variety
29 Flamenco cheer
30 Opposed to
31 Unrivaled
32 NBC fixture since 1975
33 Macadamize
34 Playwright Levin
35 Menagerie
36 Former larvae
37 Not working right
40 Quest
41 Mideast market
45 The same, in footnotes
47 Ar follower
49 Citrus fruit
50 Freebie
51 Maiden name indicator
52 Blissful place
53 Favorable votes
54 D.C. VIP
55 Fender bender

Down

1 Bambi, for one
2 On the briny
3 From one end to the other
4 Offensive sight
5 Hit-by-a-tomato sound
6 Historic time
7 Moo-ring device?
8 Relax
9 Equalizer, as in golf
10 Diving bird
11 Thickness
19 Remnant
21 Copper head
23 Esteem
24 PBS science show
25 Dandling site
26 Advertising award
27 Trumpet
28 Bane
32 Mitigates
33 Bewildered
35 Buddhist sect
36 Sch. org.
38 Bactrian's pair
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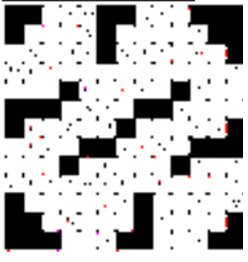
▶ Yesterday's answer



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Tara, Just wanted to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to 1 of the hottest mamas I know & 1 of the truest frieds I have. We have our ups & downs but you're always my sis. Don't forget to go THIS WAY THEN on ur bday! **BELLAS**

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Anh mãi mãi yêu em không mu?n r?i xa. **MIKE**

Dear Little Cat ;)
Happy Anniversary Baby!! You've been such a huge part of my life for the past year and I couldn't imagine it without you. You have brought so much happiness into my life. I hope that you know how much I care about you. You keep me grounded, make me feel protected, and loved. You are such an amazing person and I am so lucky to be a part of your life. I love you, so much. **S**

A look at the weather

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
To be happy, you need to do things that make a difference not just in your life, but in the lives of others.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 What happens over the next few days has the potential to make your life infinitely more interesting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You've found it difficult of late to express yourself. This weekend, you'll make up for it big time.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If there is something you need to say, don't wait any longer. Say it now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to be spending a lot of time thinking about your future, and that's a good thing. Stay focused on it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The worst that can happen today is that a gamble doesn't pay off.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Say the right things to employers and others in positions of power. A few days from now, they may not be in quite such a receptive mood.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your ability to get on with everyone will pay huge financial rewards.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You seem to be flavour of the month now, long may it continue.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Mercury in your opposite sign makes it easy to talk but when Mercury changes signs this weekend, you won't sound so smooth.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Usually it's good to plan ahead but there is a lot of uncertainty at the moment, so be flexible.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Creatively and romantically, you're in for surprises. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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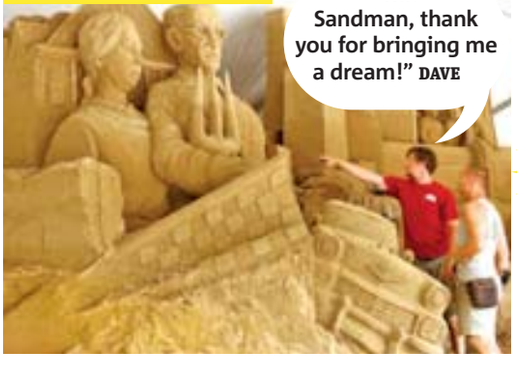

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